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Let the battle begin!



Three men St. George coach Frank Arok is banking on to topple APIA at St. George Stadium tomorrow (Friday) night in the opening game of the 1987 West End NSL — George Kulcsar (left), Stewart Porter (centre) and Craig Moffitt. Kulcsar will have the task of shutting out the APIA forwards while Porter and Moffitt do battle in midfield with APIA ace Barrios, Butler, Lorens and Katholos.

St. George v. APIA

St. George Stadium, Friday, 8 pm.

As we went to press, Argentine ace Antonio Alfredo Barrios was due to arrive in Sydney and was going to be rushed straight into APIA's line-up for the opening match of the 1987 West End NSL.

Barrios was recommended to APIA boss Rale Rasic by Raul Blanco, recently returned from Argentina where he coached Barrios at Second Division club Dock Sud.

Barrios is a former First Division star with Racing and is bound to add bags of skill and flair to the APIA midfield as the most competitive ever season in National League history gets underway in earnest.

APIA also will parade its other big close-season signings — Charlie Yankos, bought from Adelaide Hellas for \$22,000; Rod Brown, bought from Marconi for \$22,000; Peter Trebilcock, bought from Marconi for

Argentine ace signs for APIA

\$11,000; Gary Ward, bought from Adelaide Hellas for \$8,000 and Peter Katholos, signed on a free from Olympic. APIA's other big signing, striker Hilton Phillips who joined from Canberra for \$10,000, is recovering from injury and is unlikely to be in Rasic's starting line-up.

Yankos, Vic Bozanic and Alex Bundalo all are 100 per cent fit for this big clash according to Rasic. Of that trio, young Bundalo will have the biggest problem in forcing his way into the starting line-up.

The former national youth team midfielder has to compete with Barrios, Katholos, Terry Butler, Eduard Lorens and Trebilcock for one of four midfield berths. Rasic was keeping tight lipped about his line-up but it wouldn't surprise to see Katholos, Butler, Lorens and Barrios getting the nod.

Another newcomer to APIA, former Soccerex No. 1 and St. George goalie Terry Greedy, is battling with Tony Pezzano to wear the keeper's jersey tomorrow night (Friday) and right now, Pezzano

has his nose in front. Both are fine custodians and really, Rasic is blessed with a stable of keepers that no other side in the NSL can match.

It's going to be a grand night, both on and off the field. St. George boss Frank Arok has taken the unprecedented gamble of playing his team's first four home games of the 1987 season on Friday nights in a bid to attract more fans.

Arok has organised a celebrity match, a grand parade of march-past teams, pipe and brass bands and a novel ticket-selling scheme to launch what he hopes will develop into a real winner for his club.

Any junior team, plus coach and manager, from outside the St. George area and up to 12-year-olds (16 kids and two adults) can attend the Friday night games as a group for just \$10. Any amateur team or junior team over 12 (16 players and two adults) can go as a group for \$25. Arok also has offered a special family package. Two

adults plus any number of their children will only be charged \$6.

While outsiders are applauding the Saints' supremacy for his off-field innovations, most are tipping his team to struggle this year.

His forwards will have to be good to crack APIA's formidable defensive barrier, led by Yankos and featuring Arno Bertogna, Bozanic and Mark Brown. That's an awesome hurdle.

And it should be too much for Peter Petkovski and Graham Fletcher to leap.

In midfield, Arok probably will rely on Pedro Rico, Stewart Porter, Craig Moffitt and Ken Slavski but once more, Rasic seems to be holding the aces in this area.

APIA should win. It will if Rod Brown and Ward exploit the cracks which have been appearing from time to time in the St. George defence recently. Having said that, it must also be said that in George Kulcsar, Arok has one of the best sweepers' prospects in the game right now and it will be very interesting indeed to watch the national youth team coping with the more experienced APIA strike force.

Likely line-ups:
ST. GEORGE: Mike Gibson — David Green, Mike O'Shea, George Kulcsar, Neil Owens — Pedro Rico, Stewart Porter, Craig Moffitt, Ken Slavski — Peter Petkovski, Graham Fletcher.

APIA: Tony Pezzano — Vic Bozanic, Charlie Yankos, Arno Bertogna, Mark Brown — Terry Butler, Antonio Barrios, Eduard Lorens, Peter Katholos — Rod Brown, Gary Ward.

JUST wants Drago Deankovic

Here are this weekend's games in the opening round of the 1987 West End NSL:

FRIDAY

St. George v APIA Leichhardt at St. George Stadium, 8pm

SATURDAY

Brunswick Juventus v Marconi at Olympic Park No. 1, 8pm

SUNDAY

Footscray JUST v Preston Makedonia at Schintler Reserve, 2.30pm.
South Melbourne Hellas v George Cross at Middle Park, 2.30pm.
Sydney City Hakoah v Sydney Olympic at St. George Stadium, 2.30pm.
Sydney Croatia v Melbourne Croatia at Belmore Sports Ground, 2.30pm.
Adelaide Juventus v Heidelberg at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm

Whether Makedonia's star striker Steve Smith will be available is "in the lap of the gods" according to coach Murray. Smith has a leg strain that's proving tough to overcome.

But Steve Gojevic should be ready for action. He's recovered from a bruised foot, which is just as well for he'll come face to face with Tapai here so Gojevic better be prepared to do a power of running in this match.

Ally Dick, the 1986 Rothmans Medal and Bill Fleming Medal winner, will make his

West End National League debut here.

Likely line-ups:
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Zoran Nikitovic — Radovan Barjak-tarevic, Tyrone James, Tom Karic, Eddie Campbell — Ernie Tapai, Vlado Boziovski, Alex Radivojevic, Suleiman Curovic — Ossie Latif, Zdravko Lujic.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Phil Trainor — Ian Rodhouse, Steve Jackson, Ian Dobson, Con Opanis — Zoran Iliotki, Roh Campbell, Zoran Tasevski, Steve Gojevic — Steve Smith, Ally Dick.

Foot. JUST v. Makedonia

Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 2.30pm

Preston Makedonia was hoping to clinch the signature of Vardar striker Goce Dimovski as we went to press while Footscray JUST was chasing former Melbourne Croatia fullback Drago Deankovic, currently playing with Osijek.

Dimovski toured Australia with Vardar earlier this year and Makedonia last week sent off a contract to him which it expected to get back, fully signed, this week.

JUST also was close to completing the signing of Eddie Campbell from Brunswick Juventus. Campbell, the former Partick Thistle player, was Juve's Player of the Year in 1985. He has received his permanent transfer and Juve has dropped its initial asking price by \$5,000 down to \$15,000. JUST sees this as a more realistic figure for the Scotsman who it hopes will solve the fullback problems that coach Dragoslav Sekularac pin-pointed at the end of last season.

JUST is certain to line up against Makedonia with former Partizan youth team mid-

fielder Alex Radivojevic. From all reports, he's a tough customer, so his battle with Makedonia import Zoran Tasevski will be a bone-crushing one. Tasevski is a former Vardar and Dinamo Vinkovci player who, joined Makedonia two weeks ago and coach Bill Murray reckons that Tasevski certainly knows how to look after himself.

Vlado Boziovski has completely recovered from a knee injury and will line up in midfield alongside Radivojevic and Ernie Tapai, giving JUST a fine balance of skill, flair, running power and ball-winning ability in this department. The other midfield position will go to either Suleiman Curovic or Warren Spink.

JUST has agreed terms with Anorthosis for the transfer of former Soccerex ace Oscar Crino. The fee will be about \$35,000. There's a hitch though. Crino told JUST president Tony Amon this week that the crack midfielder requires a minor groin operation. Amon has decided to see how quickly and how well Crino recovers from surgery before going ahead with the deal.

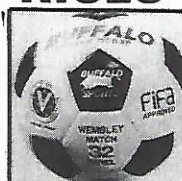
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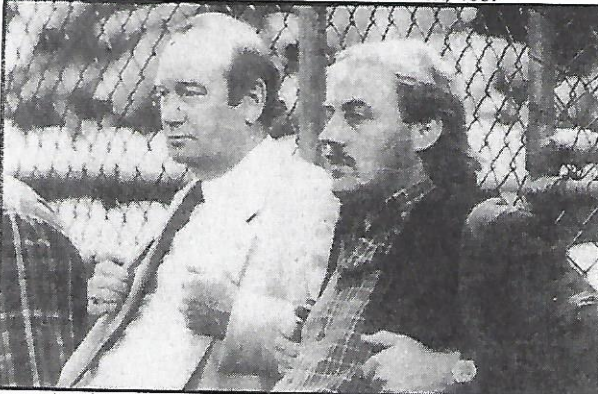
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● Melbourne Croatia coach Terry Hennessy (left) and assistant Peter Ollerton — plotting Sydney Croatia's downfall.

Kosmina takes on O'Connor

Syd. Hakoah v. Olympic

St. George Stadium, Sunday, 2.30pm

John Kosmina and Steve O'Connor are mates. They've been friends for some time, sharing rooms together during their Socceroo days. But their friendship never will be put to a more crucial test than when they come face to face on Sunday.

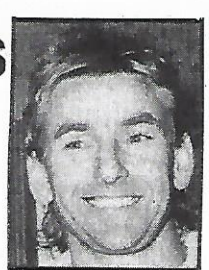
"Neither Kossie nor big Steve knows how to take a backward step. They may be good pals but even at Hakoah training they used to go in hard against each other. It won't be any different here and it will be worth paying money just to watch them playing against each other," said Sydney Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson.

Kosmina now is the darling of the Olympic faithful. He won't go into the fickle nature of that adoration but suffice to say that whenever Kossie comes off second best against O'Connor on Sunday, no doubt Olympic fans will express their feelings.

This should be a battle royal. The exodus of players from the once mighty Hakoah has left Thomson with little depth in his squad. To make matters worse, one of his main close-season signings — Sean Ingham from Newcastle Rosebuds — won't be in the starting line-up here because he's not 100 percent fit as far as Thomson is concerned.

But Thomson will field two of his other signings — goalkeeper Clint Gosling from Newcastle Rosebuds and Kiwi international striker Kevin Hagan from North Shore.

"Kevin's a big bonus for us because we were having trouble filling that target man's role that Kossie vacated," said Thomson.



● John Kosmina

play half a game in the Pre-season final.

Surely Olympic and Socceroo star Chris Kalantzis will play. That, of course, will spell the end of Patalis's hopes of being in the starting line-up.

While Hakoah lacks depth, still is able to field a strong starting line-up and in Abbas Saad it has one of the most exciting talents in Australian soccer. Saad, one of the stars of the national youth team, is expected to play up front alongside Hagan and Grant Lee.

Most people already have written off Hakoah's title prospects. At best, they say, Thomson's men can expect a mid-table finish.

But Hakoah can earn a point here.

If it wins, watch out for the repercussions behind closed doors at Olympic.

Likely line-ups:

SYDNEY HAKOAH: Clint Gosling — Ean Rodrigues, Alex Robertson, Steve O'Connor, Robert Hooker — Tom McCulloch, Murray Barnes, Jean-Paul de Marigny — Grant Lee, Abbas Saad, Kevin Hagan.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gary Meier — Spiros Hantzis, Tony Dakos, David Ratcliffe, Martyn Rogers — Emil Dragicevic, Peter Kaskopoulos, Gary Phillips — Marshall Soper, John Kosmina, Chris Kalantzis.

Hannah to shackle Lamond?

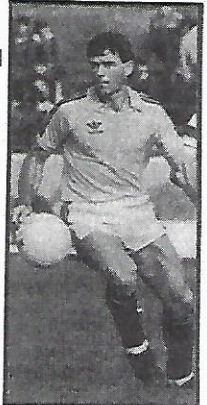
Syd. Croatia v. M. Croatia

Belmore Sports Ground, Sunday, 2.30pm

Melbourne Croatia should be strengthened by the arrival of Scotsmen Ian Wallace and Willie Herd as it faces a Sydney Croatia outfit determined to gain revenge for last weekend's Ansett Challenge shield defeat.

We've been writing about the pending arrival of the Scottish stars for the last couple of weeks. Let's hope that it actually comes off at last. We can assure readers that Melbourne Croatia officials have been working overtime to get the players into the country.

Melbourne Croatia coach, Terry Hennessy, and assistant, Peter Ollerton, face the problem of whether or not to use Wallace in the starting line-up. The former Dumbarton, Coventry City, Nottingham Forest and Brest (France) star hasn't played for a number of weeks and the current thinking of the Croatia brains trust is that it may be better to start off with Wallace on the bench.



● Zarko Odzakovic

If Herd's here he'll go straight into midfield now that teenager Mark Talajic is injured and his knee problem may sideline him for a week or two.

Croatia's other two imports — Branko Milosevic from Olimpja of Osijek and Ivan Biskic, brother of Croatia winger Josip — may not arrive for a

few weeks yet.

As we went to press, Hennessy still was on the look-out for another goalkeeper to put pressure on Mirko Runje to maintain the high standard he's achieved recently. Yakka Banovic and Peter Blasby, two former Croatia keepers, are among the names being bandied about.

Sydney Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic has shown this year that he seems undecided about whether to use Manis Lamond or Zeljko Jurin in his starting line-up. He may solve that problem by using both against Melbourne Croatia on Sunday.

Rozic probably reasons that he'll lose little by fielding an extra attacker and judging from last weekend's game, Sydney Croatia will need a bit more finishing power to crack Melbourne Croatia's defensive barrier.

Jurin is a good finisher and Lamond started in the Ansett Challenge Shield so why can Rozic use both up front alongside Robbie Slater?

By all accounts, Herd, the Partick Thistle midfielder, will be a sensation in Australian soccer. He's quick and very aggressive and the high level of fitness he's had to achieve in this season's Scottish Premier Division means that Hennessy has no fears about tossing him straight into the fray.

Rozic knows that his old

play of catching opposing teams off-guard on the break will be used against him here should his men get carried away with planning Melbourne Croatia inside its defensive half.

Paul Lewis's tremendous acceleration and his aggressive manner will worry both Rozic and Sydney Croatia stopper Ray Vilestra.

If Rozic uses three up front then midfielder Shane Clinch, who did quite well in the Ansett Challenge Shield, may be the man who misses out, for Rozic's strongest midfield trio appears to be Zarko Odzakovic, Graeme Arnold and Mark Jones.

The pressure was right on Sydney Croatia last weekend to perform in front of its home crowd. Nothing has changed. Sydney Croatia's fanatical fans want nothing less than victory in this opening match of the 1987 West End National League season.

But once again, they may be disappointed.

Hennessy and Ollerton now know a lot more about Sydney Croatia than they knew a week ago and they'll be able to better prepare their tactics for this clash.

Don't be surprised to see Melbourne Croatia captain George Hannah tagging Lamond. Hannah is one of the finest man-markers in the game, as the exciting Sydney Croatia teenager will find out.

Likely line-ups:

SYDNEY CROATIA: Tony Franken — Wally Savor, Vedran Rozic, Ray Vilestra, Graham Jennings — Zarko Odzakovic, Graeme Arnold, Mark Jones — Zeljko Jurin, Robbie Slater, Manis Lamond.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Mirko Runje — George Hannah, Robbie Dunn, Davie McIntosh, Alan Davidson — Josip Biskic, Willie Herd, Jim MacLean, Allan Scott — Paul Lewis, Tony Lemezzina.

TRIMBOLI TO FACE HELLAS

South Melb. Hellas V. George Cross

Middle Park Stadium, Sunday, 2.30pm



● Paul Trimboli — likely to face the might of Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday.

This is a replay of the Hellas-George Cross Buffalo Cup semi — with a difference. Paul Trimboli is almost certain to be in George Cross's starting line-up.

"Young Trimboli scored a couple of goals against Heidelberg the other week in a friendly and three against Berwick so he's shown me that he can put the ball in the back of the net," said George Cross coach John Gardiner.

That's about as close as you're likely to get to an admission from the cagey George Cross supreme that Trimboli, star of the national youth team and one of the most talked about young strikers in the country, will actually face Hellas.

Gardiner has to decide between Carl Gilder and Andy Edwards for the striking berth alongside Trimboli. He refused to commit himself when he phoned him the other day so we'll have to take a stab in the dark and pick Gilder.

George Cross's strength is in defence and Hellas coach Brian Garvey knows that his men will have to be at their best to crack the Cross defensive barrier.

"I'm looking for our players to apply their ability. They didn't in the semi-final and final of the Buffalo Cup but if we are to do well then they'll have to play as well as I know they can," said Garvey.

"This will be a very, very tight game. The semi-final was like that and really, we were lucky to get a goal at the right time."

George Cross is a superbly drilled outfit and whether or not the skill and flair of some Hellas players will overcome Cross's discipline and organisation remains to be seen.

Don't be surprised if George Cross's Steve Richardson resumes his central defensive partnership with Shaun Parton while Chris Taylor, who played well as sweeper in the Buffalo Cup, moves across to the right back spot.

John Campbell, who continues to develop into a fine NSL player, probably will be left back.

The man likely to have the task of stopping Angie Postecoglou from making his customary surges down Hellas's left flank is Roger Bain but Don MacLaren will be missing from the George Cross midfield due to a hamstring injury that should take at least another week to get over.

Jeff Faulkner and Kevin Innes probably will line up in central midfield against Paul Wade and Richard Miranda. Kenny Murphy, the Hellas and Socceroo midfielder, is slowly reaching peak fitness after a knee operation and coach Garvey doesn't want to throw him into the fray too soon.

George Kalogeros and Stuart Stevenson are vying for the berth on the right side of Hellas's midfield quartet. Garvey considered using Stevenson up front with Charlie Egan and Danny Wright but decided against it, because "the trouble with playing three up front is that they tend to get in each other's way."

So Hellas and George Cross both will open up in 4-2-2 formation. Cross has a visa vacancy that it wants to fill but Gardiner is taking his time, sizing up all prospective overseas signings, until he settles on the best possible player. He's going to Scotland at the end of June to do a full Scottish FA coaching badge and during his absence Jimmy Rooney will be in charge. Maybe Gardiner will spot the man he wants during his time in Scotland.

George Cross has become renowned as the draw specialist of the NSL so a draw here wouldn't surprise.

Likely line-ups:

HELLAS: Peter Laumets — Bobby Russell, Garry McDowall, Steve Blair, Angie Postecoglou — George Kalogeros, Paul Wade, Richard Miranda, Danny Cranine — Charlie Egan, Danny Wright.

GEORGE CROSS: Sean Keogh — Chris Taylor, Shaun Parton.

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Here comes mighty Marconi!

Brunswick Juventus v. Marconi

Olympic Park No. 1
Saturday, 8pm.

Frank Farina's clash with Fabio Incantulupo and Joe Rizzotto's battle with Andrew Zinni should bring fans flocking in their thousands to Saturday night's big Italian derby at Olympic Park No.1.

Marconi, under new coach Roberto Vieri, already has established itself as one of Sydney's glamor teams.

It has splashed out a staggering \$87,000 in transfer fees this year snaring a prize catch of Soccerero strikers Farina (for \$30,000) and Steve Maxwell (\$35,000).

They'll spearhead Marconi's assault on one of the best defences in Australia and they'll be supported by Zlatko Nastevski, one of the finest ball players around whose devastating free kicks already have earned him the nickname of "Platini".

Marconi's other big close-season signing, Gerry Gomez, is trying to shrug off a niggling thigh injury but he's expected to be in the starting line-up on Saturday night.

Ian Gray won't be. He suffered a hairline fracture of his left leg recently which is a blow to Vieri's midfield plans. But the wily Vieri still has a very impressive squad to call on in this clash of the Italian giants.

David Lowe is likely to be slotted into a midfield spot alongside probably Craig Mason and Tony Henderson with Gomez playing stopper. There is however the possibility that Gomez will push up into midfield with Henderson going back to the central defensive slot but Vieri was undecided

about that switch as we went to press.

Farina's battle with Juve's new left bank Incantulupo is intriguing. They were team mates during the 1983 World Youth Cup Finals in Mexico so they'll know a lot about each other's capabilities. Farina's main strength is his ability to run at opponents but Juve's defence is superbly organised and excellently marshalled by John Yzendoorn, still one of the truly outstanding sweepers in Australian soccer.

At the other end of the field, Zinni will be trying to exploit his explosive pace to break through the Marconi defence under the direction of sweeper Robert Wheatley.

Zinni looks set for a tremendous season. He was really sharp in the Buffalo Cup series and he'll put Marconi's defence under enormous pressure.

Juventus clearly demonstrated last season that it has great ability to pressure opponents and it's going to be very interesting indeed to see how Marconi's big-name players react to being well closed down and given little room in which to show off their skill and flair.

A word about Sean Lane, Juve's \$30,000 signing from Preston Makers.

He wasn't impressive during the Buffalo Cup but once



• Chris Ketsakidis — will he mark Joe Mullen?

he's in form, he's one of the best forwards in the land. It always was going to take time for Lane to fit into coach Len McKendry's game plan but once he does, the Lane-Zinni partnership should realise its potential and give Juventus one of the best front-running combinations in the West End National League.

Vlatko Belic, Juve's \$15,000 signing from Footscray JUST, is likely to be on the bench. Not because of his quality, but because he's still not fully match fit.

That means that Juventus will field one of the youngest central midfield duos in the league in Mehmet Durakovic and Anthony Grbac. But watch this pair in action on Saturday night. Durakovic is all go, never giving opponents time to breathe. Grbac is the more cultured of the pair and what a player this lad hopefully will be. His ability to quickly con-

trol the ball and spear telling passes to Zinni and Lane will give Marconi plenty to think about.

The key to the game is Marconi's ability to come to terms with being closed down quickly.

No team in the league does that better than Juventus, as the men of high-flying Marconi will find out.

Likely line-ups:

JUVENTUS: Pat Marrama — Peter Lewis, John Yzendoorn, Brian Brown, Fabio Incantulupo — Rob Cullen, Anthony Grbac, Mehmet Durakovic, Scott Patterson — Sean Lane, Andrew Zinni.

MARCONI: Bruce James — Paul Carter, Rob Wheatley, Gerry Gomez, Joe Rizzotto — Craig Mason, Tony Henderson, David Lowe — Frank Farina, Steve Maxwell, Zlatko Nastevski.

DEELEY TO PLAY IN MIDFIELD?

Ad.Juventus v. Heidelberg

Hindmarsh Stadium,
Sunday, 2.30pm.

Don't be surprised to see Heidelberg adopt the 5-3-2 formation favored by national coach Frank Arok.

That's the rumor doing the rounds and our spies at Heidelberg training tell us that new coach John Margaritis is likely to use Alan Hunter and Chris Ketsakidis as stoppers, Theo Selemidis as sweeper with Con Pappas and Steve Marley as fullbacks.

Hunter apparently has resolved his differences with the club. He put in a transfer request the other week thinking that his national team chances would be in jeopardy by staying with a club somewhat in disarray.

Margaritis of course is Arok's right hand man in Melbourne and no doubt has reminded Hunter that indeed his national team chances would be in jeopardy — should he join another club!

Hunter still has a bit of weight to lose and he's not fully fit after recovering from his knee operation but Margaritis doesn't have many options right now. He knows that Hunter is a quality player and that he needs as many quality players as he can get his hands on.

Hunter probably will be given the task of shackling Adelaide Juve's Paul Wilde with Ketsakidis trying to tame Joe Mullen.

Pappas and Marley no doubt will be instructed to push forward at every available opportunity but the cagey Margaritis will be emphasising the need to get off on the right track and a point in a hostile environment would be more than welcome.

Juventus was dreadful in the Qantas Pacific Champions' Cup clash with Mount Wellington the other week. Coach Zoran Matić is the first to admit that his charges really let themselves down.

"We were shocking. Our attitude was terrible. We scored an early goal then sat back waiting for the game to end and when Mount Wellington scored we didn't know what to do," said Matić.

"You can play poorly in some games, every team does, but you still can show aggression, show a willingness to compete. We didn't and frankly it worries me."

"I'm not that worried about the opposition. I'm more worried about the way my team played in that Qantas Cup game. We'll have to go at Heidelberg on Sunday to win this one. We all know that. But let's just see whether my players can do it."

Margaritis may spring a surprise by using Kiwi international striker Andy Deeley in midfield. He's been trying him out there in training. Deeley's switch would give Doug Brown the chance to play up front with Laurie McKinnon.

Deeley's switch also would place more pressure on Claude Lucchesi, John Kanesoulis, Mike Valentine and Peter Tsolakis to claim the two remaining midfield spots. Let's take a punt and name Lucchesi and Tsolakis as the men who will get the nod.

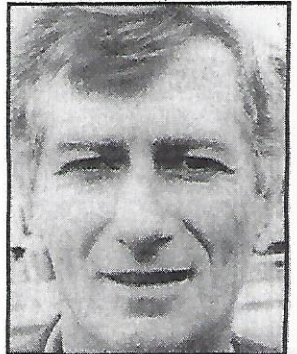
Matic lines his men up in a 4-3-3 formation but that's a ruse. Only big Wilde will be up front in a set position. He's used as the principal target. Guys like Mullen and Charley Villani have the freedom to move throughout the attacking and midfield thirds of the field and it will be far harder to keep them in check.

If Juventus can settle into the slick, inter-passing game that was its hallmark in 1986, the national champion will win.

But Heidelberg goes into the game as the underdog and will make Juve fight every inch of the way.

Likely line-ups:
ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: Willie McNally — Paul Shillabeer, Neville Flounders, Buggy Nyskohus, Alex Tobin — Serge Melita, Adrian Santra, Aurelio Vidmar — Charley Villani, Paul Wilde, Joe Mullen.

HEIDELBERG: Jeff Oliver — Theo Selemidis — Con Pappas, Alan Hunter, Chris Ketsakidis, Steve Marley — Claude Lucchesi, Andy Deeley, Peter Tsolakis — Laurie McKinnon, Doug Brown.



• John Margaritis

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FRONT: Joe Palatsides, Fabio Incantulupo, Mehmet Durakovic, John Yzendoorn, Robert Cullen, Andrew Zinni, David Vesnaver, Luciano Fabrizio.



BACK ROW: Asst Coach, Roberto Vieri (Coach), Craig Mason, Paul Carter, Bruce James, Paul Jones, Geoff Gunning, Tony Henderson, Keith Charles (Hon Sec), Masseur.
MIDDLE: Gear Steward, Zlatko Nastevski, Ian Gray, Steve Maxwell, Frank Farina, Gerry Gomez.
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WHY DO WE HAVE TO SUFFER THESE IRRITANTS?

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



rules or perhaps tolerating bad ones?

Let me give three glaring examples. The time wasted with pointless yet frequent back-passes to goalkeepers is considerable; the irritation of the fans sharp.

Regrettably, there is nothing in the rules to prevent this. But there could be. FIFA could bring in a rule that back-passes to goalkeepers cannot be made from outside the 16-metre box.

This would eliminate the ineane, annoying spectacle of a team (in the lead, of course), slowly retreating with the ball — and finally one player slipping a back-pass to the goalie from 30, maybe 40 metres away.

While on this subject, I feel the goalkeeper's role and rights could also be looked at. At present goalies have too much scope to waste time, despite the tightening of the rules and the four-step law.

On the whole, goalkeepers are the pampered prima donnas of the game and they are given far too much "protection" by referees who simply cannot conceive that a challenge, any challenge, on a goalie can be fair and legitimate.

Another area of the game which tends to create annoyance and boredom for the fans is the circus so many referees tolerate preceding free-kicks. I will never know why they so meekly put up with

the antics of players who, in order to delay the taking of the kick by the opponents, stand over the ball, gesticulating, pretending not to grasp what goes on, talk to the referee — in fact, do anything in order to give their team time to form a wall.

Referees who stupidly or weakly tolerate this punish the innocent team and deprive them of a real chance to use that free-kick to advantage.

And referees do have the power to discipline these trespassers: they can book them, even send them off. But referees understand this is likely to happen, they will think twice about blocking the path of the ball placed for free-kicks.

But not now when they realise that all they risk is a long tussle with an unprincipled referee who keeps asking them to move back the required nine metres.

The third of my objections is another type of circus that goes on with throw-ins.

A player of the team which wants to kill time walks to the sideline, picks up the ball, looks around as if searching for long lost relatives, lifts the ball behind his head — then lowers it and drops it on the ground.

He has changed his mind: he will let one of his teammates perform the difficult art of throw-in.

And the second chap invents a new ritual: in an absent-minded fashion he tries to steal a blatant 5-10 metres — knowing damn well that the referee (yes, even a weak and ineffectual) will wave him back. The purpose has been achieved: with a simple throw-in a good half a minute has been stolen from the opponents — and the fans.

The rule here could very easily be changed. First of all, the player who picks up the ball MUST throw it in, too. If he changes his mind and drops the ball — the right of a throw-in transfers to the other team.

As for that clumsy time-wasting trick of trying to "steal" a big distance (in the hope of being discovered): the referee should book the offender, for ungentlemanly conduct. If two or three players are booked like that, the others will soon get the message.

Davidson's eyeing his old Roo berth

SYDNEY CROATIA 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Dunn 56th). Ansett Challenge Shield match at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5,100. Referee: Gary Power 9.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franjic 8 — Hansen 8, Dunn 7, Vlastar 7, Jones 6 — Clinch 6 (76th), Jurin, Odzakovic 8, Jennings 7, Slater 6, Anst 5, Lamond 7. Coach: Vedran Rozic.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 8 — Hansen 8, Dunn 7, McIntosh 7, Davidson 6 — Bistic 7, Talajic (20th), Humble 6, MacLean 6, Scott 6. Lewis 5, Lamond 5. Coach: Terry Hennessy.

Former Socceroo full-back Alan Davidson is on the comeback trail and is eyeing his old position in the national team.

An exhausted Davidson slumped in the dressing room after Melbourne Croatia had beaten Sydney Croatia 1-0 in the Ansett Challenge Shield last Sunday and vowed he would fight his way back.

For the second year in a row, Melbourne Croatia took out the Ansett Challenge Shield by beating sister club and NSW State Bank Cup holder, Sydney Croatia.

A fierce battle developed during the first half with some of the tackles causing tempers to flare. At one stage a tackle by Dunn on Lamond when the Sydney player was through saw a scuffle develop on the edge of the penalty area. The referee managed to calm the players down, flash a yellow card to Dunn and then the Sydney side wasted its free kick.

Tony Franken was impeded by Andy Humble late in the first half and was warned by the referee. Then a few moments later Humble's tackle sent Franken sprawling. A TV replay of the incident suggested that Humble didn't make contact with Franken as firmly as first thought but a melee developed. Humble was booked.

Lewis, Jones, Davidson and Jurin found their way into the referees book and others came close in the first 45 minutes as both sides of players played tight football.

Zarko Odzakovic was prominent early and his dipping shot in the 7th from almost 30 metres was just high. Then in the 18th an unusual injury to Mark Talajic, Odzakovic turned him pace, twice, then left him clutching his knee in despair.

Man of the match:
MIRKO RUNJE
(Melb. Croatia)

Talajic, trying hard to cover Odzakovic, twisted his knee in the process and was replaced by Humble (in name only).

Some desperate tackling by the visitors and some bad luck for the home side saw Melbourne Croatia escape in the 22nd and 26th minutes. First it was Odzakovic who sent Lamond aged to beat Davidson then cut the ball back for Odzakovic to send in his drive. It rebounded off one player to Jennings who should have scored but his shot went well over the bar.

In the 26th only a glaring foul by Dunn stopped rampaging Lamond.

Then against the run of play Allan Scott beat Jennings on the flank before sending in a low cross for Paul Lewis. The first timer by Lewis was not

well directed and it bounced off the keeper's knee.

In the 53rd, Melbourne Croatia looked beaten as Graeme Jennings broke through before cutting his cross back for Lamond whose shot was parried. Odzakovic had a shot but it skewed wide to Slater who could not add what would have been a vital touch from a few metres out.

As the home side took a breather Melbourne Croatia came forward to earn a corner. Scott took it, floating it to the near post and Robbie Dunn headed it in. That was enough to see the visitors earn yet another trophy in 1987.

Mark Jones was just six seven metres out only a minute later but his weak effort was well saved by Mirko Runje.

Graeme Arnold had the last opportunity to send the game into extra time after one of the best moves of the match. Odzakovic to Arnold to Lamond and back to Arnold saw the latter stride into the area only to blast his shot wide from an angle.

— ALEX VESIC

Vatsilas superb

Adelaide City Juventus took third place in the four-team WA tournament last weekend by downing Bayswater Inter 4-0 at Perth's Dorrien Gardens.

Juventus's new signing Lemmy Vatsilas made a stunning success of his central striker role by scoring two goals, while Aurelio Vidmar and Mario Caruso also scored.

On Friday night Juventus drew 1-1 with Stirling Macedonia, but went down 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out.

Juventus went into the third place play-off without ace midfielder Charley Villani, who twisted an ankle during Friday's game.

Villani said he expected to be fit to play on Sunday when Juventus opens its West End NSL campaign against Heidelberg at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Juventus also is hoping striker Paul Wilde recovers from the muscle injury which caused his withdrawal from the Perth trip.

Coach Zoran Matic said after the second Perth match: "We fixed a few things in this tournament. We now know how to play against tough teams and that's a valuable experience."

Perth Azurri, the team which former Adelaide Juventus captain Gary Marocchi plays for, clinched the tournament final with a prolonged 11-10 penalty shoot-out success over Stirling Macedonia after the teams drew 1-1 in normal time.

Matic said he had seen some impressive young talent in Perth. "But it's not easy to arrange transfers," he lamented.

Marocchi recommended under-16 Socceroo Gareth Naven of Perth Azurri to Matic.

Macedonia striker Eddie Sinclair also has been recommended to Juventus by Marocchi.

— ALLAN CRISP

"Wally" may wow 'em at Croatia

BY PAUL MOON

A member of one of the most exclusive clubs in British football will be wearing Melbourne Croatia colors this weekend.

Only a handful of players can claim that they once cost over a million pounds sterling on the transfer market. Croatia's Scottish recruit Ian Wallace is among that elite band.

Nottingham Forest paid Coventry City £1,250,000 pounds (approximately A\$2,000,000 at today's rate of exchange) to acquire his services in July, 1980, yet both Glasgow Rangers and Tottenham Hotspur could have obtained him for nothing a few years earlier.

After representing Scotland at junior level, Wallace began to attract the attention of professional clubs, notably Clydebank, Arbroath, and Dunbarton. He decided to join Dunbarton, at the time a member of the old Scottish First Division, and made his debut for the "Sons" at the start of the 1974-75 season. A teammate was namesake and future fellow Australian resident Willie Wallace, then at the tail-end of a magnificent career.

The younger Wallace made only 34 Scottish First Division appearances (which produced 11 goals), but enough to gain the notice of several prominent English clubs. Coventry City and Sheffield United were particularly keen to sign him and, as both declared themselves prepared to pay the \$175,000 transfer fee Dunbarton sought, he was free to choose between the two. The young striker sent himself to Coventry.

Wallace believed that First Division Coventry promised better prospects than Second Division Sheffield United, even though it might take longer to win a first team place with the former. In actuality, he became a regular in the City Blues' senior line-up within three months of moving to Highfield Road.

The quicksilver forward



● Ian Wallace — a bad car crash almost ended his career.

— despite suffering extensive injuries in an horrific car crash just before Christmas, 1976.

Wallace's car skidded on a patch of black ice and hit a tree, sending him head first through the windscreen. Facial cuts required 76 stitches, but far more worrying was a knee injury that threatened to end his career and severe headaches which haunted him for over three months.

By the commencement of the 1977-78 season, though, the Scot had been restored to full health and spirit. He proceeded to snatch 20 goals, to be equal third highest goalscorer in Division One that campaign, as Coventry claimed 7th place.

Just one position behind his best ever performance.

This form won a call-up for the Scottish senior international side. His first cap at this level (after earlier representing the Scots in youth and under-21 encounters) came in February, 1978 against Bulgaria in Glasgow. Coming onto the pitch as a substitute, he scored the decisive goal in a 2-1 win.

The 1978-79 season brought Wallace 15 league goals and from two further full international appearances — against Portu-

gals he lost both a place in the Scottish national squad and faith in Coventry's ability to win major honors. Reluctantly, he agreed to his request to be placed upon the transfer list and paved the way for that remarkable fee to be paid.

Unfortunately, Wallace joined the "Reds" at the wrong time. They had just completed a most glorious era and were now beginning the process of decline.

During his initial few months as a Forest player, Wallace appeared for losing sides in the European Champions' Cup first round (against CSKA Sofia), European Super Cup (against Valencia) and Toyota Cup (against Nacional).

In Wallace's first three seasons at the City Ground, he scored 33 goals in 107 games for what was now a middle of the table team (compared with 57 in 130 with Coventry) and finished each as club leading scorer.

It was the 1983-84 campaign which saw an alarming "goal drought". A return of just three goals from 21 games promoted Forest manager Brian Clough to

Ambitious Brest spent \$220,000 to bring Wallace to France, but his time there proved unhappy and unproductive. Some of Britain's popular newspapers (never the most reliable of organs) claimed that the Scot had been astonished to discover that the other Brest players spoke only French and, rather than they learning English, he was expected to gain familiarity with their language!

Irrespective of whether or not that story is true, the player popularly known in English professional circles as "Wally" was delighted when Sunderland paid a \$185,000 transfer fee which enabled him to return to Britain in January, 1985.

Just two months after moving back across the English Channel, Wallace appeared at Wembley Stadium. The occasion was the final of the Milk Cup (now known as the Littlewood's Cup) and Sunderland paid a 1-0 defeat by Norwich City.

Between its Wembley date and the end of the 1984-85 English League season, Sunderland played 13 games and won only one of them. Wallace's form suffered along with his relegated club. He scored just 3 goals in 15 outings.

When Lawrie McMenemy took over as Wembley club in July 1985, he immediately embarked upon a mass clear-out involving 14 players, Wallace among them. \$58,000 was sought for the little striker.

Glasgow Rangers and Birmingham City expressed interest at this price before deciding against offering employment. In the end, McMenemy had to decide between giving him a free transfer or continuing paying a wage of \$1,160 per week (half of what he received at Nottingham Forest). The former course was chosen.

Portuguese First Division club Maritimo was the next port of call, but here Wallace failed to change his luck and left after only a few months. So now he is hoping that switch of hemisphere will bring a switch of fortune.

He'll be 31 on May 23 and the former Scottish international whose English League career encompassed 298 appearances and 89 goals still

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Soccer is supposed to be the most elegant, least violent of all football codes — but anyone who claims that to be true, obviously doesn't know much about Sydney Olympic.

These thoughts immediately sprung to mind in recent weeks as we perused the oh-so-familiar flood of denials from the Greek club regarding the future — or otherwise — of its latest coach, Milan Lukic.

Suggestions are flying around with increasing frequency that Lukic is about to be given the heave-ho and the season proper hasn't even started.

Denials from Olympic president Tom Doumanis notwithstanding, where there is smoke fire normally follows and in the case of the Greek club it is usually a conflagration.

What makes the whole Machiavellian turmoil even more fascinating is the simple fact that in pre-season games played at the time of this column being penned, Olympic under Lukic played 10 times, losing only once.

Nonetheless, ugliness reportedly prevailed during a recent clash with St George Budapest, which Olympic won 3-1.

At half-time — one goal down — many among the Olympic oriented crowd (I refuse to call them fans) rushed the fence hurling abuse at the unfortunate Lukic.

And he has been coping it from all sides, for instance from Peter Katholos, who was sacked together with Vincente Estavillo, from the squad recently.

I alluded last season that Lukic's predecessor Manfred Schaefer deserved a sainthood of some kind for achieving results he had and for sticking it out with Olympic for several long years.

He is also some sort of genius for knowing when it was time to go — and not waiting for the usual sharp stab between the shoulder blades.

What will happen to Lukic is something no-one can even begin to guess at, but he is my star candidate for martyrdom.

He may well come good with a few timely wins early in the season and those who are ready and willing — although not quite able — to assault him now are just as likely to carry him round St George Stadium on their shoulders.

On the other hand he could quite easily be out of a job by the time you read this column!

Possibly he may exist in a kind of soccer twilight zone in-between the two extremes out-

Kossie's the hero of the mob, but for how long?

lined above for some time to come.

A lot will depend, of course, on this weekend's clash with eternal rival Sydney Hakoah in the first round of the NSL.

Added spice will come from the presence — unless injury prevents it — of John Kosmina in Olympic's line-up, facing his old teammates.

Kosmina has for many years been the specific target of vile abuse from Greek fans in Sydney.

It was, thus, a huge surprise to see him go to Olympic, of all clubs, whose followers subjected him season after season to threats and, when opportunity presented itself, some even covered him in spit.

At the moment, Kossie is the hero of the mob and will remain on a pedestal as long as Olympic is up there in front and chasing the title.

But, as one of his former Hakoah teammates said the other day, "heaven help him if they lose a few games".

Sadly, Olympic — the club with the greatest potential in many respects within the NSL — time and again manage to self-destruct.

Presidents and committees, not to mention coaches, come and go, good ones and indifferent ones alike.

Many have tried to fathom the mystery behind the lemming-like behavioral pattern of the club over the decades.

Well, I have solved the "mystery", which isn't a mystery at all.

Regular attendees at Olympic matches can easily isolate a core element in the crowd which is in the eye of the storm year after year after year.

Whether it is constant abuse of its own coaches or committee men, or threatened and real incidents of violence against opponents and their

supporters, this group always is there.

And, tragically, the people of common sense and goodwill in the club — who are present, even if in diminishing numbers — seem incapable of excising this cancerous element.

These so-called fans are the catalyst behind the repeated eruptions inside Sydney Olympic — and given time and more chances they may well be the cause of the eventual destruction of a club which they profess to love.

God knows, they are trying their hardest to achieve just that!

It could have been you, Eddie

Hakoah's Eddie Thomson has his own problems, following the jumble sale of his top performers to other clubs this season.

Still, he must be pleased about the little niche he has carved out for himself for at least one more season.

The genial Scotsman was wooed by Olympic last year in a way which would have left the most willing of brides faint with embarrassment.

Finally, he decided to stay with the devil he knows.

He can be forgiven if, observing Milan Lukic's continuing calvary, he thinks, in passing, along the lines of: "There, but for the grace of God, go I".

Kremlin capers at Hakoah

And, while on the subject of Hakoah, it would be negligent of me if I didn't mention the drama now unfolding within that famous club.

Next Monday night could

well decide whether the most successful club ever to field a team in Australian soccer has any sort of long-term future.

At that time, the Annual General Meeting of the Hakoah Social Club will take place, in the midst of another campaign by the Board of Directors to destroy professional soccer.

This time, however, those within the club's membership who believe that soccer and all the other activities within Hakoah have a uniform right to exist and prosper are fighting back with more than just words of rage.

A ticket consisting of a solicitor, two businessmen and a younger member of the club has been nominated for election to the Board.

Please note that of the 11 positions only two are elected by universal franchise of Hakoah members!

That's the kind of system which Gorbachev and his friends in the Kremlin would be proud of.

The level of support the "new faces" receive — whether elected or not — could well be a pointer as to whether Hakoah will celebrate its 50th year of soccer in the NSL two years from now!

No stone is being left unturned in trying to block the "rebels" from gaining a foothold and the lengths to which Board members are alleged to have gone are truly extraordinary.

One of the nominees for election happened to request to see the membership list — a normal enough ambition when seeking to lobby for votes.

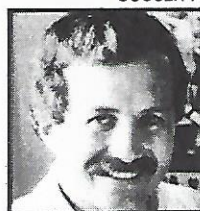
What happened next was that he received a telephone call from the Special Branch of the NSW Police, who were alerted to the possible existence of a security risk, no less.

The person considered a risk is himself a security official at Hakoah's home games of several years' standing!

Those who love this formerly great club with a passion — and there are still many — must cringe ever time those currently entrenched in power strike another body-blow at the reasons the principles which led to the establishment of Hakoah.

The latest news is that two of the "rebel" candidates have been disqualified over technicalities from the ballot.

Oh yes, it will be a hot time in the old club next Monday night!



Straight Shooting

with PETER SCOTT

NOW WESTAY DOESN'T WANT SOCCEROOS

The ASF has been unable to substitute four matches for the national team against English clubs Nottingham Forest and Manchester United, according to executive director Brian Emery.

The Federation's World Cup committee convened in Sydney last weekend and faced the withdrawal of organiser Westay Promotions' invitation for the Socceroos to compete in a local tournament in May and June.

Games originally announced for Australia against Nottingham Forest in Sydney on May 25 and in Melbourne against Manchester United on May 27 have been cancelled.

Emery said: "The tournament to include Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and Glasgow Celtic will be confined to Perth and Adelaide. Dates will be finalised this week."

"We could not obtain another game against Everton which plays Australia in Melbourne on June 1."

"They play twice in Auckland and there is no room to fit in an additional match before the Australian party leaves on June 4 to compete in the President's Cup in Seoul."

Emery denied the collapse of the Australian team's participation was an embarrassment to his federation.

"Actually we feel sorry for the promoters. We know the difficulty with the economics of the game but it wasn't our job to dissuade them if they wished to proceed," he said.

The ASF is delighted over reports that Australia will meet opponents of the calibre of the national teams from Chile, Morocco, Kuwait and South Korea, as well as the Argentine and South Korean Olympic teams in Seoul.

Australian coach Frank Arok said there's not too much room for changes to the squad that he is preparing to seek Olympic Games qualification for 1988.

"If players haven't already made the squad they will have to be exceptional to win a place now," Arok said.

"For the future I will be mainly looking for possible recruits from the youth squad."

Endeavors will be made to secure games for the Australian Youth team en route to the World Youth Cup finals in Chile next October.

Emery said that, even with FIFA paying for the basic airfares and accommodation, it will cost Australia \$50,000 for five monthly camps for the players.

The ASF also accepted a preliminary budget for the under 16 national team, which competes in the World finals in Canada next July.

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BLACKTOWN	2	0	0	6	3	4
MANLY WARR	2	0	0	3	1	4
W'GONG CITY	2	0	0	6	5	4
MELITA EAGLES	0	2	0	5	2	2
Newcastle	1	0	1	3	3	2
Canberra	0	2	0	2	2	2
Sutherland	0	2	0	0	0	2
Freshwater	1	0	1	4	5	2
Uruguay	0	1	1	3	4	1
Rockdale	0	1	1	2	3	1
W. Macedonia	0	1	0	1	2	1
Ku-Ring-Gai	0	1	1	1	2	1
Inter Monaro	0	1	0	4	6	1
Canterbury	0	1	1	2	1	1

KU-RING-GAI 1 (Williamson pen. 29th)
URUGUAY 1 (Webber 15th) at Penrith.
 KU-RING-GAI: Lacey 6, — Kavan 7, Barry 7, Pepper 7.

Blacktown City Demons disposed of Newcastle Rosebuds at Adamstown to lead on goal average from Manly Warringah after two rounds in the State Bank League of NSW. Wollongong City is only a step away in third place.

And while the fortunes of Blacktown and Wollongong were predictable it is difficult to explain the position of Manly Warringah. The Sea Eagles sat back and defended from the moment they took to the park at Marco Polo, but still took home the points.

Melita Eagles, the side favoured for the title early on are having problems. Kenny Wilson, Melita's captain, is not even in the side and the defence is having early-season jitters. At Wollongong Showground, it was City which celebrated but not before a late score. Vladimir Tortevski was sent off for the second week in succession. Wollongong managed to go 3-0 up soon after half time but was pegged back to 3-2 despite having an extra player on the park.

Newcastle R. 1 Blacktown 2

At Adamstown Oval
 Scorers: van Blerk 20th, Kay 25th (8C); Gresham 50th (W).

Paul Kay was the star of this match as Blacktown City Demons took their second successive bag of points.

He commanded his troops with poise and purpose and scored the goal which made the difference in the end. Kay was well supported by Ellem, Jeffery and Thornthwaite with Jason van Blerk always posing problems for the locals on the bank.

State Bank League details

Camburn 6, — Sutherland 6 (Ferguson 79th), Quigley 6, Williamson 7, — Nile 6 (70th Bennett), Fagan 7, Jeffery 8.
 URUGUAY: Hoare 7, — O'Donnell 7, Woods 8, Krakovic 7, Tomasich 8, — Bourke 7, Thompson 7, Genc 8, — Batten 6, Webber 6 (70th Vecchietti), McKie 7.

Best players: 3. Tomasich, 2. Genc, 1. Jeffery.
MELITA EAGLES 1 (34th Brown) **CANBERRA CITY 1** (A. Reis 8th) at Melita Stadium.

MELITA: Pupo 6, — Williams 6, Callan 7, Cabassi 7, Griffiths 7, — Wellbourn 6 (67th Vial), Farrugia 6, Farnsworth 8, Serbas 7, — McFadden 7, Brown 7.

CANBERRA CITY: Economopoulos 7, — Bryant 6, Dunn 7, Nelson 6, Mazis 7, — P. Reis 6 (Popovic 45th), Juna 6, Sermani 7, — Palacios 8, Gonzales 6 (46th Wilcox 6), A. Reis 8.

Best players: 3. Farnsworth, 2. A. Reis, 1. Palacios.
SUTHERLAND 0 **WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0** at Seymour Shaw Park.

SUTHERLAND: Burroughs 7, Nelson 6, Terry 8, Ball 8, Seller 7, — Leronde 5, Tasker 6 (O'Shea 20th), Harrington 8, Cox 8, — Sharpe 5 (55th Caban), Duncan 6.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Terziovski 6, — Muhlbauer 7, Ruskin 8, Swenney 7, Campbell 7, — Dufkovic 6, Kerr 6, Jirsa 6, — Gardiner 6 (Tilt 75th), Krkovic 6, Giraldi 7.

Best players: 3. Ruskin, 2. Cox, 1. Harrington.
INTER MONARO 0 **MANLY WARRINGAH 2** (Cimarosti 40th, 80th) at Marco Polo.

INTER: Notaras 6, — Monterosso 7, Colbertaldo 7, Tillas 7, Withear 6, — Ambrosino 7, Felizzi 6, Panebianco 6, — Valeri 6, Fernandez 7, Giampaolo 6.

MANLY: Tingle 8, — Dennis 7, Williamson 7, Mangon 7, Pearce 7 (Ferguson 73rd), — Stuart (Loughran 80th), Etherington 6, Carrick 6, Jurgens 6, — Cimarosti 8, Smith 6.

Best players: 3. Cimarosti, 2. Tingle, 1. Ambrosino.
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS 1 (Gresham 50th) **BLACKTOWN CITY 2** (van Blerk 20th, Kay 25th) at Adamstown Oval.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS: Grills 7, — Milosevic 6, Mountford 7, Mower 6, Harrison 6 (Caisley 40th), — Roberts 7, Gresham 8, Drysdale 7, — Cavanah 7, Rowney 5 (Foley 68th), Penfold 6.

BLACKTOWN ON TOP, TORTEVSKI GETS SENT OFF AGAIN!



NSW State Bank League with ALEX VESIC

give the Sea Eagles victory.

For those who saw the game the result might be a little difficult to take as Inter pounded at goal and even had a penalty but could not score. In fact Inter Monaro camped inside the penalty area of Manly for most of the first half with young Tingle having to work overtime to safeguard his goal.

Then came the first break for Cimarosti. Manly countered through Malcolm Smith on the left. Smith managed to round one defender before crossing for Cimarosti to score. Only a minute later, Manly was almost 2-0 up as Peter Dennis made the break to set up Ross Etherington but the Manly midfielder managed to miss the easiest of chances.

With 10 minutes remaining, Ashley Williamson was on target only to see the keeper parry his shot. But Cimarosti waltzed in to make it 2-0.

It was a bitter pill for the home side to swallow. For the best part of this match Inter Monaro attacked and looked set to swamp the visitors but failed in front of goal, including a missed penalty soon after half time. Seb Giampaolo was the offender, hitting his shot a couple of metres wide.

Sutherland 0
W. Macedonia 0
 At Seymour Shaw Park.
 It was dull and uninspiring at Seymour Shaw as Sutherland and Macedonia struggled for points.

Despite the very late appearance by John O'Shea and some solid performances from Cox and Harrington, the home side failed to show aggression when it mattered. Its front-running duo of Sharp and Duncan never came to terms with this resolute and tall bunch of defenders from the south coast.

Tony Caban gave Sutherland some life after replacing Sharpe in the 55th but not enough to cause problems for Macedonia.

Macedonia looked quite happy with a point and never attacked with more than two or three players making it obvious that playing away from home is at best a one-point situation.

Both teams will have to improve up front if goals are to flow. Craig Hall scored three goals and Craig Hill two in Sutherland's reserve grade fixture and it will be interesting to see if either player makes it into top grade this weekend.

Melita Eagles 1 Canberra 1

At Melita Stadium.
 Scorers: A. Reis 8th, Brown 34th.

For the second week in a row Melita Eagles stumbled but managed to stay on their feet long enough to take a point.

Alan Reis waltzed past Williams in the eighth minute to give Canberra the lead and it was a familiar situation for

● Paul Kay — starred in Blacktown's 2-1 win over Newcastle Rosebuds last weekend.

Melita to have to come from behind.

And the locals attacked with gusto with the packed grandstand roaring with approval. An early chance fell to Brown but his finishing touch was deflected for a corner. Then came Callan with yet another slip-up after some good work by Farnsworth midway through the first half.



BLACKTOWN CITY: McPherson 7, — Maier 7, Starrey 6, Reynolds 8, Northam 7, — Kay 8, Ellem 7, Jeffery 7, — Thornthwaite 6, Sandy 6 (Cotton 46th), van Blerk 7 (Naumov 70th).

Best players: 3. Kay, 2. Gresham, 1. Reynolds.

WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Brodnik 5th, Morlando penalty 25th, Easthorpe 50th) **ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2** (Rodas 55th, Darlington 61st) at Wollongong Showground.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young 7, — Skeen 8, Berringer 7, Hollyfield 7, Morlando 7, — Giraldo 7, Ainsworth 7, Cokely 8, Stefanovski 7, — Brodnik 7, Easthorpe 8.
 ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Barker 6, — Wilson 6, Boogard 7, Mitrovski 7, D. Wilson 6, — Nastoki 6, Plovski 6 (Darlington 46th), Tortevski (sent off 16th), — Bedoni 6, Spivovski 6 (Genovese 46th), B. Rodas.

Best players: 3. Cokely, 2. Easthorpe, 1. Boogard.
FRESHWATER 4 (Dean 24th, 87th, Giannone 51st, 78th) **CANTERBURY 1** (Borges 75th) at Narabeen Fitness Centre.

FRESHWATER: Young 8, — Gillan 7, Kelly 7, Dean 8, Duckling 8, — A. Bottalico 7 (Cassachia 75th), Campbell 8, De Ceglie 7 (Watt 65th), Knight 8, — Corrigan 7, Giannone 7.

CANTERBURY: Hummel 6, — Antoniadis 5, Radman 7, Vandenak 6, Mickovski 6, — Kologeras 7, Stemos 6, Borges 6, — Petas 5, Arambasic 6, Andromides 5.

Best players: 3. Knight, 2. Campbell, 1. Dean.

guay the break it was hoping for to take both points.

The visitors did manage to go ahead after 19 minutes. A corner from the left saw Webber back-head the ball into an empty net as Lacey came out. But that was all the visitors could produce on the day. Ten minutes later, Kuringal was on level terms. John Camburn raced down the left hand side then sent in a cross which found Glen Jeffery. He was brought down and Neale Williamson made no mistake from the resultant penalty.

During the second period, Uruguay tightened up its game considerably and looked the more impressive outfit. Chances came and went with monotonous regularity as Batten, Genc and Vecchietti could have made life more difficult for Barry Hoare but failed. In the end Aaron Ferguson almost became an instant hero for Kuringal. After replacing Sutherland late in the game, Ferguson won possession then sent a through ball for Jeffery who managed to turn one defender before pushing his shot wide of the keeper. It hit the post and bounced out to safety.

Freshwater 4 Canterbury 1

At Narabeen Fitness Centre.
 Scorers: Dean 24th, 87th, Giannone 51st, 78th (F); Borges 75th (C).

The return of Nello Borges failed to give Canterbury that much needed lift and Freshwater, with Ljubo Gokovic at the helm, celebrated with Allan Dean and Domenic Giannone scoring two goals apiece.

Robert De Ceglie started the rot with his free kick from the edge of the box in the 24th. Allan Dean raced in to head past Chris Hummel.

Then came Stephen Knight with a break in the 51st. His through ball to Giannone was well weighted and the speedster made no mistake.

Borges pounced on a mistake by Freshwater defence to score and give Canterbury a new lease of life with 15 minutes remaining, but two late goals floored the Berries. Dennis Corrigan turned two defenders before slipping his pass to Giannone to make it 3-1, then with minutes remaining Allan Dean hammered home a volley to make it 4-1.

Impressive and effective was how most saw Freshwater last Sunday. Should the side continue to play with the same zest in attack then many are going to fall flat on their faces at Narabeen.

Woll City 3 R. Ilinden 2

At Showground.
 Scorers: Brodnik 5th, Morlando pen. 25th, Easthorpe 50th (WC); Rodas 55th, Darlington 61st (RI).

Wollongong City played for the best of this match (74 minutes) against 10 minutes of Rockdale Ilinden. Minutes into the second half City led 3-0, yet it had to battle and save the points after a brief revival by Ilinden soon after half time.

Vladimir Tortevski was the villain again as he got his marching orders very early in the game. He was sent off after only 15 minutes of play much to the displeasure of his own supporters.

From then on it was always an uphill battle for Ilinden. Wollongong raced to an early lead after some good work by Easthorpe, who set up Brodnik, then to a 3-0 lead soon after half time with Easthorpe yet again making the difference.

Pat Rodas and Paul Darlington reduced the lead to one goal with goals in the 55th and 61st minutes setting the stage for a most exciting finish.

Also, City held on to take the points while Rockdale Ilinden was left to wonder about what might have been had Tortevski stayed on the park. The home side struggled to survive in the last 25 minutes but that could have been avoided had its players taken chances which came during the first period. Five to six easy scoring chances fell Wollongong's way but only two goals



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Sunday 29th March 1987

ROCKDALE ILINDEN — KU-RING-GAI,

Hurstville Oval

URUGUAY — INTER MONARO,

Cook Park

MANLY WARRINGAH — MELITA EAGLES

Cromer Park

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA — WOLLONGONG CITY

Berkeley S/G

BLACKTOWN CITY — SUTHERLAND SHIRE

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Sutherland can't crack the Demons' defence

Blacktown City Demons are set to continue their fine early-season form with a victory over the Sutherland Shire Sharks at the Gabbie on Sunday.

Four goals against Freshwater, two against Newcastle and four points in the bag are not the only pointers to this predicted drubbing.

The form of Blacktown's star strikers should be just too much for Sutherland. Scott Thornthwaite should give either fullback more than a fair share of problems, while the same goes for the young speedster from the Australian youth team, Jason van Blerk.

Adam Sandy, well supported by Paul Kay and Billy Jeffery, will be more than a handful for Meades, Harrington and Ball.

And to make matters worse for the Sharks, there is very little up front to compete with the likes of Reynolds, Sterrey, Northam and Maier. With either McPherson or Watson in goal Blacktown looks to have a great chance to win and win well. (If the Demons, by some stroke of ill-fortune, fail to find the net on Sunday, let me inform Peter, Geoff and Greg that my phone number will be changed on Sunday night).

Rockdale Ilinden looks the goods for its match against Ku-Ring-Gai at Hurstville Oval. The loss of Bertram at the end of 1986 has been compounded by the loss of Leigh Watson at the start of this season, making the Ku-Ring-Gai defence vulnerable even to attacks as tame as that of Rockdale Ilinden.

One goal will decide the issue at Hurstville.

Uruguay and Inter Monaro meet at Cook Park and a good feast is on the menu. The hordes of Uruguay were exceptionally benevolent in their opening league match against Wollongong City and look set to repeat the performance against Inter Monaro.

However, this time big problems will arise in the shape of a man called Sebastian Giampolo. This gifted player will provide plenty of problems and most probably will be the difference between these sides on the day.

Melita Eagles are about to hit their first home run away from home with an easy win

By ALEX VESIC

over Manly Warringah. The Sea Eagles surprised Ku-Ring-Gai in their opening encounter at Cromer Park two weeks ago but I see no way past Pupovac for Cimarosti and Co.

In fact, I believe that Melita will really hammer the Sea Eagles!

Wollongong Macedonia and Wollongong City will be involved in what is better known as Berkeley Sports Ground as the south-coast championship.

Wollongong City has a slight edge but does not have a fearsome attack. It is difficult to see how this game will produce anything but a 0-0 scoreline with Ico "Chris" Talevski returning to Macedonia's defence and Wollongong City already boasting an established and strong backline.

Canterbury Marrickville Olympic has an ideal chance of picking up a couple of points when it meets Newcastle Rosebuds at Arlington. It is going to be a dour struggle with neither side having enough power to cause a lot of damage.

Canberra City should subdue Warringah Freshwater at Bruce Stadium. An experienced NSL team, Canberra must win this one to keep its title favorite's tag. However, this game is not to be treated lightly by the home side, as Corrigan, Gianneone and Bottalico could strike form and make life difficult for Augusto Palacios, the Canberra player-coach.

Here are this Sunday's games with likely winners in capitals:

ROCKDALE ILINDEN V Ku-Ring-Gai at Hurstville Oval; Uruguay V INTER MONARO at Cook Park; Manly Warringah V MELITA EAGLES at Cromer Park; Wollongong Macedonia V Wollongong City (draw) at Berkeley Sports Ground; BLACKTOWN CITY V Sutherland Shire at Gabbie Stadium; CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE V Newcastle Rosebuds at Arlington Oval; CANBERRA CITY V Warringah Freshwater at Bruce Stadium.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Hantzis 6th, 84th, Zervas 25th) **MARCONI 0**. Pre-season Final at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3440. Referee: Richard Lorenc 9.

OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Dragicevic 8, Ratcliffe 8, Dakos 8, Spanoudakis 7 — Phillips 7, Kotamandis 7, Hantzis 8 — Soper 5 (Alexiadis 46th, sub Georgiadis 70th), Zervas 7, Patalis 7.

MARCONI: James 5 — Carter 6 (Rizzotto 46th, 6), Sterrey 7, Henderson 7, Wheatley 7 — Lowe 6, Nektovski 7, Carbone 5 (Markovski 62nd, 6), Maxwell 6 — Okon 5 (Gunning 46th, 7), Farina 6.

Sydney Olympic went into this Pre-season Final without star players such as Kosmina, Raskopoulos and Kalantzis. Marshall Soper, another much publicised name, hardly got into the game during his 45 minutes on the park before being replaced.

One would safely assume that without these players Olympic would play its reserve attacking line, that of Patalis and Zervas, with either Kotamandis or Georgiadis joining the front liners. One would also be safe in offering hefty odds against Olympic winning this match against the in-form Marconi.

However, most observers, myself included, failed to see that Olympic does have depth in its playing staff. Its defence, with Gary Meier in superb form, is hard to penetrate. I say again that there is not the slightest doubt in my mind that Meier is the safest goalkeeper in the country at present.

Flanked by Dragicevic and Spanoudakis, Ratcliffe and Dakos were controlling the centre of the defence and Olympic was never in trouble against Marconi. Phillips led the midfield and was ably supported by Kotamandis and Hantzis. In fact the liveliest Hantzis was the man who won the hearts of the large Greek support with his performance.

He scored two goals, one of them a real gem only six minutes into the match. He took possession of the ball on the half-way line, ran some 20 metres unchallenged, then speared a left foot drive which nestled just inside the far post. The shot was against the strong wind and from some 28 metres out, a Dex Marton special!

Six minutes from the end, Hantzis was quick to exploit a misunderstanding between James and Wheatley and the score was 3-0.

Hantzis and Zervas give Lukic a giant-sized problem

It is gratifying to have someone like Hantzis in your side. He's quick, he's got a hard shot and he's an aggressive tackler — all the attributes needed for a successful player. But he is not the only one. With stars taking a breather here, some say due to injuries, others claim they were taking an enforced nap, Hantzis, Patalis, Spanoudakis and Georgiadis were given a chance and another impressive performance came from Andy Zervas.

He reminds me of Mark Koussas with his explosive runs and an enthusiasm unmatched by most at Olympic. He was at the end of the move in the 25th which broke Marconi's back. A free kick by Dragicevic to Phillips saw his cross. Many legs missed the ball but Zervas was at the end of it to face James and score.

And while Olympic played with poise and the assurance of a team which knew where it was heading, Marconi made life difficult with its player positioning and method of attack.

Maxwell was moved to midfield, a deep lying midfield role at that, and Gomez, Mason and Gray were omitted, leaving not even a single player with hard tackling ability in the side. And that's exactly how Marconi played — soft and at times attractive — one-touch football, but going backward more often than forward.

I suspect that Marconi was not very interested in the result of this match, how else can you explain its tactics in this match?

Still, there were \$10,000 at stake!

And while Marconi might think it peanuts with the start of the league looking, Olympic could hardly call this prize-money big enough to pay some of its bills.

With as many as seven players missing from both sides it is also difficult to gauge the real chances these two sides will have in 1987.

For Hantzis and Zervas this

was a chance which was tightly grasped and must pose a few questions for Sydney Olympic coach Milan Lukic.

Will the stars be given the nod for the opening game on Sunday or will the coach stick to this winning combination?

SYDNEY HAKOAH 0 **APIA LEICHHARDT 0**. Play-off for third and fourth places in the Pre-season competition at St George Stadium. Hakoah won 5-3 on penalties. Crowd: 3200. Referee: Ken Small 5.

HAKOAH: Hughes 10 — Rodriguez 7, Barrett 6 (O'Connor 46th, 8), Robertson 8, Hooker 7 — Souness 7 (Reffenes 55th, 6), Barnes 7, De Marigny 7 — Ingham 5, Lee 5.

APIA: Pozzani 6 (46th Greedy, 7) — Bosanic 7, Tredinnick 6, Bertogna 7, M. Brown 7 — Ward 6, Zalmi 6 (Bundalo 53rd, 6), Katholos 7, Larans 6 — Brown 5 (53rd Parison, 6), Butler 6.

Hakoah finished up as the third best NSL side in Sydney with a win on penalties over APIA Leichhardt at St George Stadium last Friday night.

With very little, if anything at stake, neither side looked over enthusiastic sending the crowd into periods of long boredom interrupted only by an occasional missed opportunity.

Sydney Hakoah started without Steve O'Connor and the injured Tommy McCulloch, while APIA once again had its full squad on show. Rumors of new arrivals at APIA are just rumors at present and the only "cert" to come back into the team is Charlie Yankos, the Socero.

Brett Hughes, back in goal after one appearance by Cliff Gosling, certainly made the most of his chance between the sticks with yet another fault-

less display. He made a full length dive in the 24th to save from a Vic Bozanic thunderbolt but looked beaten a few moments later as Peter Katholos slipped through to find some space inside the penalty area. But the shot by Katholos went wide.

Katholos was in fine form, looking more like the Katholos we once knew. He made a break in the 36th then found Terry Butler on the flank. A cross by Butler followed and Gary Ward was on hand to evade Robertson but his header from point-blank range went over the bar.

Then, in the 41st, it was Burim Zajmi who made the break. His cross found Rod Brown eluding the Hakoah defence only to head wide!

Well, APIA had its chances. With the wind behind them, APIA players made the most of it to create openings but fell down badly in front of goal.

Only a minute into the second half Rod Brown had another opportunity to net. Only seven metres out he snapped at a cross from the right, but Hughes made yet another superb save.

Tony Parison, who replaced Brown in the 72nd, was on the park for less than a minute when he received a pass on the left hand side. He broke through two weak tackles on the edge of the area and sent a nice right foot drive goalwards. Hughes was there again to make a most spectacular save.

Abbas Saad and Steve Reffenes had chances for Hakoah late in the match but both missed and it went to penalties.

Steve O'Connor, who had come on as a substitute, Jean De Marigny, Murray Barnes, Grant Lee and Saad scored for Hakoah while Arno Bertogna, Mark Brown and Ward netted for APIA. Hughes was our man-of-the-match as he saved a well-struck penalty from Peter Tredinnick to give Hakoah the edge.



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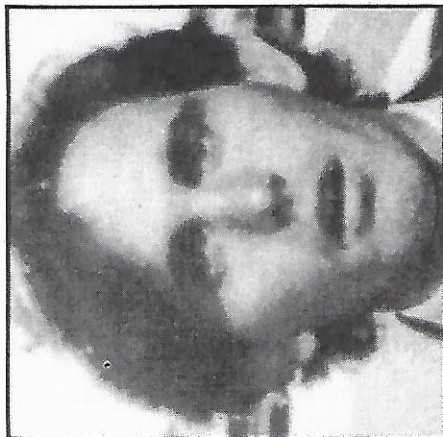
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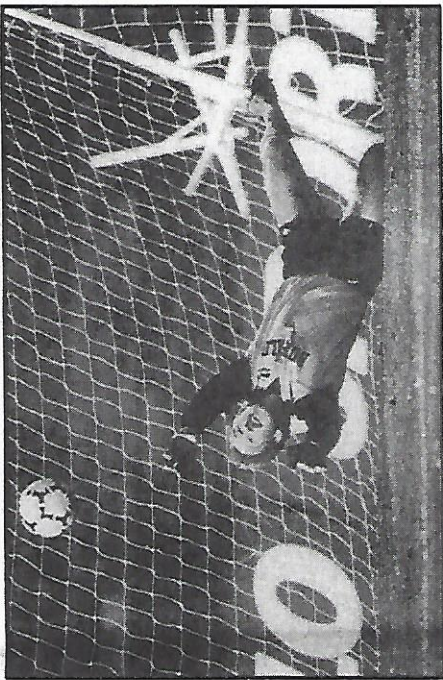
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St.A.Dinamo 2 Broadmeadows 0

At Churchill Reserve on Saturday.

Scorers: Runje penalty 55th, Rastocic 60th.

This was a pretty poor game, the balance of which was swung in Dinamo's favor by a very dubious penalty awarded to the homeside in the second half.

Yet Broadmeadows never gave up and showed a lot of fight, even if nothing came of its efforts.

Dinamo was the more organised side and played the better football.

In the first minute, Grant Smart completely missed a long ball into the Dinamo forward line. Dennis Morovic broke through and neatly lifted the ball over the Broadie goalie only to watch it hit the post. Smart had recovered in time to clear the rebound.

But Stewart Blair ran the game in the first half.

In the 50th minute, Goran Runje broke into a one-on-one situation against John Higham. Ivan Duzel made a brilliant off-the-ball run but Runje held onto the ball for too long and Higham was able to get in his tackle.

The deadlock was broken in the 55th minute. Duzel, on the right, nipped past Gerry Edmondson, cut inside Higham, but pushed the ball too far forward. Joe Vizzini rushed in and slid down to knock the ball out for a corner. As he did so, Duzel effected a magnificent dive over Vizzini's outstretched leg and unfortunately for Broadie, referee John Stojkovic thought that it was a penalty and pointed to the spot. Runje had no trouble converting.

Dinamo's second goal came five minutes later and it was a cracker. Sveto Rastocic raced onto a ball cleared from a corner to 30 metres out hit a screamer into the roof of the net.

A minute later Broadie should have scored but Peter Kodicek was denied twice in quick succession by Dinamo goalie Mate Grgic.

— **MIKE LYNN**

F'ston Pines 2 Oakleigh 4

At Monterey Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: P Hennessy 27th, Buchanan penalty 83rd (FP); Irvine penalty 44th, Paparas 51st, Cumming 60th, Politis 71st (O).

John Cumming no doubt got a tremendous kick out of the superb goal he scored against his old side here.

With Oakleigh holding a 2-1 edge, Cumming got free on the right of the Pines area and sent a delicate chip over the head of advancing Pines goalie Rick Janssen and into the far corner.

Pines had struck the first blow after 27 minutes. A low free kick was spilled by John Vathadis and little Paul Hennessy nipped in to tuck the ball away.

A minute before half-time, a bad back pass by Douglas Hodgson was snapped up by Stevie Irvine who slipped past one defender and rounded Janssen only to be brought down by the keeper, Irvine.



Joe Sweeney

took the penalty himself and made it 1-1.

Six minutes into the second half, Oakleigh substitute Jim Paparas played a neat one-two with Nick Gourlas, then calmly slotted the ball wide of Janssen to give the visitors the lead.

When Cumming struck in the 60th minute, Oakleigh was in command and looked to be cruising in the 71st minute when Steve Gusic got to the back line and his cut back was tapped in by Politis.

Pines hit back from the penalty spot in the 83rd minute when Craig Miller was tripped inside the Oakleigh area and Billy Buchanan converted.

Suddenly, Oakleigh found itself under the hammer. Pines blew two good scoring chances in the last few minutes but to be fair, Oakleigh also caught Pines out on the break but failed to punish the home side.

— **MIKE LYNN**

Fawknor 1 Croydon 1

At Smith Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: Tuffield 40th (F); Brown 70th (O).

Croydon felt that this was one of its best performances for a few weeks. Fawknor coach Frank McAleer felt that his side now is in with a real chance of clinching the title.

"We've got the players this year to be right up there, in fact, to tell you the truth I think that it'll be between us and Gully for the championship," said McAleer.

That's a bold statement but let's just see how things pan out in coming weeks.

Croydon created the better chances in the first half yet found itself 1-0 down at the interval.

In the 2nd minute, Alex Livingston had a shot blocked. The ball came back to him and his second shot struck a defender but Richard Wilson was able to get down well and hold cleanly.

In the 7th minute, Dave Brogan slipped the ball to Matt McDonald on the right of the area but his shot was just wide of the near post.

The goal that broke the deadlock came in the 40th minute. Joe Palinkas, playing wide on the right, sent in a superb low near post ball which was turned into goal by Ian Tuffield.

Sweeney in great debut, brilliant goal by Bitsonis

The ball spent a lot of time up in the air in the second half which marred the spectacle. But Croydon finally grabbed a point in the 70th minute. A quick corner by McDonald, short to Livingstone, saw the latter knock the ball into Brogan inside the Fawknor area. Brogan's shot was deflected past Wilson and it was 1-1.

— **MIKE LYNN**

Polonia 2 Green Gully 2

At Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: Warszawski 17th, Marshall 80th (Pol); Sweeney 22nd, Zemonik 30th (G).

This game between the State League's top two teams more than lived up to expectations, in fact I can't recall having seen a better State League match for a long time.

It had everything... goals galore, head-on battles all over the park, and a fluctuating scoreline that had us all on tenterhooks right up to the final whistle.

Both teams went at it hammer and tongs from the start, and it seemed the Greens were up against it when quicksilver Greg Warszawski demonstrated why he is the League's leading goalscorer as he put Polonia ahead in the 17th minute.

A long ball down the middle skidded through Stuart Cannell's curls and Warszawski was round him in a flash, pouncing to drive the ball low and hard past Lou Denys. It was a peach of an opportunistic goal, and nobody could begrudge Warszawski his celebrity salute to the Polonia faithful.

Green Gully wasn't impressed though, nor particularly taken aback, and a mere five minutes later was on terms again, through Joe Sweeney, who had an excellent debut.

Sweeney's awesome heading ability was always a worry for Paul Drinocky and Aki Kotzamilchalis, despite their height, and when he and Danny Zemonik too became fully match fit they are going to take some holding.

The Gully took the lead with another cracker of a goal.

Dave Hogen, who had a fine match (but oh Dave, when are you going to learn to cross a ball?), started it, beating three opponents in a run that took him nearly to the corner



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flag, before he played a sharp exchange with Zemonik who gleefully slammed the ball into the net to maintain his average of a goal a game.

With half-time looming, it seemed Gully had gained the upper hand, but Polonia pressed on, and was unlucky when a desperate Gully defender slammed the ball against the post, trying to clear.

Sweeney should have put the game beyond Polonia's reach when Steven Douglas put him clear, early in the second half but his shot missed narrowly.

Polonia's ebullient coach, Miron Bleiberg was getting frantic, and was banished from the bench to chafe impatiently from the terrace, but he had the last laugh.

Just on the hour he took off the crowd's darling Warszawski and brought on Alex Marshall. Was it genius or madness?

The man mountain was so completely out of touch and unfit that he completely missed his first attempted kick and the home crowd hooted in derision.

That was probably Green Gully's undoing. With 10 minutes to go the Greens relaxed, but in a penalty area flurry, Marshall somehow got his foot to the ball before Cannell, and the jeers turned to cheers.

There were heroic performances all over the ground. Rab Nelson had a stormer, and nearly blotted out Tommy Cumming in the first half (no mean feat), but the wee man turned the tables on him in the second, and even on one occasion was seen to outjump Kotzamilchalis.

Robert Czapiak, I thought was Polonia's best, and both coaches deserve a lot of credit for opting to play three at the back. It makes such a refreshing change from the Ark approach.

Bleiberg had given Ricky Liparski the job of marking Cumming, but MacLeod fooled him by switching tiny Tom to the right flank, and this necessitated such a half-time reshuffle that some of the Reds took a while to settle down.

As well, Polonia was so determined to catch Gully on the break that sometimes it was playing 3-3-4, as Jan Wycisk came storming up the left to line up with Warszawski, Storm and Czapiak.

It was exhilarating stuff, and if they're not careful, they might even have the crowds coming back. That's a heap, lads, for a great afternoon.

— **LES SHORROCK**

Caulfield 1 Northcote 0

At Princes Park on Saturday.

Scorers: Bitsonis 65th.

I was all agog on my way to this match. There was every reason to expect some good fare in a game between a snappy outfit like Caulfield and the "new" Northcote, with its Greco-South American blend being fostered by coach Juan Toro.

But it was all very disappointing, 90 minutes of tedium which left me with the feeling that Northcote will have another struggle against relegation this year unless it drastically revises its style.

There were disappointments galore. The eagerly awaited debut of Victor Hugo Espanon didn't eventuate, owing to an administrative mix-up.

Dave Brooks was missing too, still with a groin injury, and that robbed us of seeing him in tandem with Paul Harris. In the event it didn't matter much, because Northcote's tactics played right into the hands of the home team's defenders.

I must have a very hazy comprehension of South American football. I was always under the impression that it meant close passing, with the ball on the floor... that sort of thing.

I didn't realise it meant playing the tiniest front three I've ever seen in the game, coupled with the goalkeeper, every time he got possession, giving the ball a mighty wellie down the middle of the park.

For all the good it did Kenny Drakeford, Chris Bekiaris, Juan Toro and Peter Constantin, Mark Turidia might just as well have belted his clearances straight down Bamba Road.

I'm sure Bekiaris and co. must have gone home with cricks in their necks from watching a ball pass overhead like Halle's Comet.

As it was, Paul Harris and Angie Koutos, with their enormous height advantage, had a picnic.

Northcote had an opening spell of about 15 minutes when it looked like taking the game away from Caulfield, with its little men buzzing all over the place, but once Caulfield got its act together and settled down, there was only ever going to be one result.

John Bitsonis brought that about out of nothing, when, with his back to goal, he bicycled past an astounded Turidia for the only goal of the game.



John Bitsonis

Bicycle-kicks were the flavour of the month after that, with all the Caulfield front men trying them in vain.

Cauffield's finishing was appalling, with Pepe Abraham one of the chief offenders.

Northcote tried hard to get some sort of a game going. Typically, it would string together six or seven short passes, then it would step Harris or Koutos and belt the ball away... it was all rather pointless, and that's how Northcote finished.

— **LES SHORROCK**

W. Suburbs 0 Thomastown 1

At Ralph Street Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: McGuinness 46th (F).

A jubilant Bobby McGuinness scored a spectacular goal against his old club to maintain Thomastown's 100% record this season.

As Mike Lynn's team's defeat at home to the Institute does not contribute to the League table, Thomastown is now the only team to have won all its games.

Though Thomastown was on top all day it couldn't score the all-important goal until just into the second-half when Kevin Carfuro crossed the ball and set up an overhead kick for McGuinness which he slammed into the back of the net.

While Jim Kondilis's defenders were performing, Suburbs' problems were in the midfield where they just couldn't get moving. The rhythm that the midfielders had established to such devastating effect against Falcons the previous week was forgotten and the stronger, more physical Thomastown team took control.

Lynn's team attacked straight from the start and could have scored a couple of times in the first five minutes.

Carfuro put in a cross which McGuinness slammed against the cross-bar and moments later Nino DiMartino laid off a short corner to Brian Coyle whose left foot drive was well saved by Kardamitis.

Coyle had the best chance to put Thomastown further ahead when again Carfuro fired in a cross which Russell Athensych set up for Coyle. Coyle was in so much space with so much time that he hesitated and his resultant chip went over the bar.

Billy Hamill came on at half-time for the injured Liam McCuskey and showed that he is worth a full game in the future.

Suburbs' had few chances to score but they did break midway through the second half through Hamill who played the ball to Darryl Tuck who, with only the goalie to beat, sprayed his shot wide.

For Thomastown then it was a very satisfying win but the team will have to look at why it

didn't score more goals given how much of the ball it had.

AIS 3 Springvale 0

At Bruce Stadium on Saturday.

Scorers: Polak 44th, P Foster 50th, Edwards 88th.

"It seemed like a good idea at the time," said Bobby McLachlan of his team's decision to travel to Canberra for its game against the Institute, but on his arrival back in Melbourne after twenty two hours of travelling he was no longer so sure.

"We left Melbourne at 7am on Saturday and arrived in Canberra at 5.45pm. We ate quickly, rushed to the motel and then rushed straight to the stadium for the 7.30pm kick-off. It was crazy to think that we could compete against super-fit 18-year-olds after all that."

McLachlan emphasised that he had absolutely no complaints against the reception his team was given at the AIS. "I'm not having a go at the AIS - it's not their fault. Their hospitality was magnificent and they're doing everything possible to make our work as easy as possible. There isn't some other avenue for a team like this to show its wares."

Ron Smith's young team dominated the first half of the game but just as Springvale was getting its act together, a defensive lapse gave the Institute the goal it had been looking for.

Jason Polak was on hand to run into a poorly struck backpass by Ged Bannan and with Dennis Boland running at him Polak coolly slotted it past the stranded goalkeeper.

Springvale came back into the game in the second half and a great tussle developed in midfield between Vales' Eddie Bell and Jimmy Williams and the Institute's John Koch and Jason Polak.

AIS goal Peter Gunning executed two brilliant saves to deny Ian Loughnane the chance to equalise.

Only one goal down, Springvale was right in the game until six minutes from the end when another backpass, this time by Keith Adams caused confusion among the defenders and Paul Foster nipped in to head it past the hesitant Boland.

The Vales' misery was made complete four minutes later when Alistair Edwards crowned a fine display by, in a one-on-one with Boland, knocking it past the keeper to make it 3-0.

Box Hill 1 Morwell 1

At Wembley Park on Sunday.

Scorers: Sturton 7th (MF), Burton 88th (O).

It was the Sturton and Burton show at Wembley Park on Sunday as first Iain Sturton scored to put Morwell Falcons ahead and then Barry Burton goaled to level the result.

The draw was a fair indication as both sides showed end-of-the-half energy and bite in the opposing team's penalty-area. Both goals contained an element of luck.

Sturton put Falcons on top in the 7th minute when he capitalised on a defensive lapse by Box Hill's defenders Dean Hennessey and Gary McPhee. They both hesitated as a cross from the right hand side landed midway between them and Sturton bolted in to calmly slot the ball past goalie John McKinnlay.

The game however was controversial as Burton rose to flick a Dave Azarovski corner into the goalmouth. It was cleared away by the Morwell defenders in the goal only for it to be judged to have crossed the line.

While both coaches may have had complaints about the goals they conceded, they agreed that the draw was a fair result.

"We're a young inexperienced team," said Box Hill coach George Murray after the game, "and we're giving away silly goals, but I think we'll be doing alright by the end of the season."

Burton and young striker Dave Molina combined to give the Hillmen their best chance to take both points when Molina latched onto a Burton through-ball but Prezioso was out like a flash narrowing the angles and Molina could only shoot wide.

While the result leaves both teams at the bottom of the State League marginally ahead of Northcote, on the strength of today's performances they can look forward to better things.

— **MIKE LYNN**

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Baran to Polonia, Vrzina wants Marshall

By JOHN MANGAN

Polonia has signed Polish import Janusz Baran from APJA. Baran was expected to play in last Sunday's game against Green Gully but red tape in the Department of Immigration held up the visa-player's transfer.

The final paperwork was completed on Monday and Baran arrived in Melbourne on Tuesday. He has been training in Sydney and will be in the squad which travels to Morwell on Sunday.

Baran came to Australia last year to Rale Rastie's APJA and started well, but he received an injury towards the end of the season and though over the injury has struggled to regain his form.

Polonia coach Miron Bleiberg will be counting on him to share the goal-scoring duties with Greg Warszawski who is having a sparkling season in spite of a groin injury.

With this season's Polonia team still taking shape, big man Alex Marshall is considering a move. Polonia will not stand in his way but has asked him to wait a few weeks before making a decision.

St. Albans Dinamo coach Tony Vrzina has expressed an interest in Marshall as he is keen to add some height to his team.

Cauffield coach Takis Svinog has strengthened his line-up with the purchase of Robert Murray for \$3,500.

The South American connection continues to bear fruit for Northcote which has now filed papers with the Department of Immigration for 21-year-old Uruguayan striker Vesa.

Vesa has played with Uruguayan first division club Montevideo and represented Uruguay at B-international level. His move to

Australia has been prompted by the uncertain economic climate in his home country and he should add some crucial strength to Northcote's attack.

Meanwhile, at Springvale Bobby McLachlan is confident of beating Oakleigh and Caulfield to gain the signature of Frankston Pines' John Cullen. Pines initially asked for, and will get, \$4,000 for Cullen.

Pines' goalkeeper Rick Janssen joins Ringwood Wilhelmnia this week and his boots will be filled at Pines by Branko Radovic who becomes the third first-choice goalie the team had this year, in the wake of Janssen and Dennis Boland, now with the Vales.

While Pines' coach Danny McMinimie now has some money to spend, he can't pay any new players he signs as none of his current squad are receiving match payments. He will be looking for players who want to play State League. Pines will spend their money on transfer fees and guarantee the players free transfers at the end of the season if they want them.

Heidelberg's Joe Angele has been the focus of some attention from Fawknor and Frank McAlister is trying to win over his transfer this week.

Fawknor travels to neighboring Broadmeadows this Sunday to play at Laura Douglas Reserve and will be without Peter Bordignon who has just had an operation on his appendix and will be side-lined for a month.

Also out of the Fawknor side is Frank Sabbatino who is still recovering from an ankle injury sustained in a car accident three weeks ago and he is still three weeks away from match-fitness.

Fawknor, which is shaping up as a title candidate, should win this game but cannot afford to take Broadmeadows casually. Kaz Kulak's team has played well against Croydon and Green Gully and gave league-leader Dinamo a run for its money in the second half of last weekend's clash.

The match of the round is the struggle between Green Gully and Dinamo at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Gully is third on the State League table having been held to a draw by Polonia last week. Newcomer Joe Sweeney will take time to hit top form in his new team but will need careful attention from the Dinamo defence. Tommy Cumming is in great form at the moment so Dinamo will definitely have its hands full.

But the Dinamo forward-line which has shot Vrzina's side to the top of the league is pretty lethal as well. While Goran Runje and Dennis Morovic both look destined to be among the league's top scorers this season, Sveto Rastocic has made his presence felt with goals in his last two games, including the all-important equaliser against Croydon two weeks ago.

Vrzina's team for Sunday's games will be unchanged from last week but fans can look forward to the return of Mark Wilson in the near future as he is expected to start training this week and should play in the reserves on the weekend.

While Vrzina admits that his team does gain some psychological edge from going into its game against Gully as league-leaders he rejects the suggestion that Dinamo have made a spectacular start to the season.

"I set my team a target of six points from the first four games, considering the teams we had to play, is a normal performance from a good team. It should be a hard game this weekend," says Vrzina.

"We played well last week against Broadmeadows, especially in the first half. The penalty we got was controversial but as far as I'm concerned it was good refereeing. We were unlucky not to get a couple of other penalties as well."

Oakleigh goes into Saturday's game against Caulfield at Caloola Reserve fresh from a convincing 4-2 victory at Pines.

"It always seems to be something of a war when these sides meet," says Oakleigh coach

Chris Kalifatidis. "There's a hell of a lot of pressure put on the players by the committee-men and supporters, but I'll be telling my lads to go out there and play to the best of their ability and try to forget the pressure others try to place on them."

Despite Oakleigh's stunning form last week, Caulfield should be able to win this Greek derby. The two clubs' long-standing rivalry goes back to when half the Oakleigh committee walked out of the club and took over Caulfield, which at the time was Dutch.

Polonia, possibly including new signing Baran, plays Morwell Falcons at North Crinigan Reserve on Sunday and will be keen to cement its place as one of the league's place-setters.

Falcons' task is different. One place off the bottom, Dave O'Connor's team needs a win to get back on the pace. Traditionally home advantage has meant a lot to Falcons but Western Suburbs made a mockery of that when they visited a fortnight ago and won 2-0.

This game presents a great chance for Falcons to get back into their stride but against the lightning speed of striker Warszawski a draw is the most likely outcome.

Frankston Pines play Croydon City on Sunday at Town Park. The current champions have yet to show title-winning form this season but it's just a matter of time before things start to come together for Jim Tansey's team.

An again reshuffled Pines team should find victim to Croydon who will be regarded as their first win for the season.

Box Hill travels to Thomastown on Sunday to play at Partridge Reserve. George Murray's young team will find the going hard against Thomastown which is brimming with confidence now that it is back to full strength.

The Hillmen are likely to clamp right down in defence as they are conscious that silly goals have led to their downfall in recent games. Mike Lynn's team though will be aiming at three league victories in a row (not counting friendlies) and should take the points.

Still smarting from last Saturday night's 3-0 drubbing in Canberra, Springvale must pick itself up and set to the

task of adding some respectability to its league position.

It has the chance on Sunday when it meets Western Suburbs at Ross Reserve. Suburbs look like having a difficult year ahead of them and come into this game from an encounter which saw them totally outclassed by Thomastown last weekend.

Suburbs' coach Jim Kondilis will be without the services of David Smallman for the next four weeks sidelined by a fractured rib, but even his speedy return won't solve the club's problems.

Kondilis's brief from the Suburbs committee this year is to keep the club in the State League without spending money on new players, so that funds can be channelled into improving the club's facilities.

While Kondilis has got some creditable performances from his team, notably away to Falcons a fortnight ago, the committee may have to decide soon to divert funds towards the team if it is to maintain its Buffalo State League status.

"I need two players urgently at the moment, a midfielder and a striker," says Kondilis, "and something will have to be done soon."

Northcote City is visited by the AIS team on Sunday for the game at John Cain Reserve. Northcote has yet to win a game this season but has won much praise for its approach work. Always, the killer punch up front has been lacking to make the most of the team's midfield artillery.

Argentinian import Victor Espanosa has finally been cleared so he will be lining up in Northcote's attack against the Institute. If he can settle in quickly this will be a free-scoring and very attractive fixture.

Fans no longer have any doubt that the Institute can compete at senior State League level and it has only dropped one point in its three games. It goes into this game as favorite but if Northcote can get its attack happening it can get a draw out of this match.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
Oakleigh v CAULFIELD at Caloola Reserve, 3pm.
Northcote City v AIS at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY
Morwell Falcons v Polonia at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.
Springvale City v Western Suburbs at Ross Reserve, 3pm.
Green Gully v St. Albans Dinamo at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.
Broadmeadows v Fawknor at Laura Douglas Reserve, 3pm.
Croydon City v Frankston Pines at Town Park, 3pm.
Thomastown v Box Hill at Partridge Reserve, 3pm.

Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ST ALBANS DINAMO ...	2	1	0	7	2	5
POLONIA	2	1	0	7	3	5
GREEN GULLY	2	1	0	6	4	5
FAWKNER	1	2	0	4	2	4
Thomastown	2	0	0	2	0	4
Cauffield	2	0	1	3	2	4
Oakleigh	1	1	1	6	7	3
Frankston Pines	1	1	1	4	5	3
Croydon	0	2	1	2	3	2
Broadmeadows	1	0	2	3	5	2
Western Suburbs	1	0	2	2	4	2
Springvale	0	1	1	1	2	1
Box Hill	0	1	2	2	4	1
Morwell Falcons	0	0	1	1	3	1
Northcote	0	0	3	1	5	0

★ The AIS is not included in the table as no points are awarded for the games it plays.

CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Bitsonis 65th) NORTHCOTE CITY 0 at Princes Park, Saturday.

CAULFIELD: Madjer 5 — Filipou 6, Harris 8, Koutos 6, Michel 5 — Sahindis 5 (Argiros 70th), Bitsonis 5, Theodoros 5, Abraham 4 — Tsirindis 1 (Karamakios 15th), Kyrias 4, Coach: Takis Svinog.

NORTHCOTE TURKISH 0 — Leonardos 4, Pantiotis 4, Bozakis 6, J. Constantinou 4 — Drakeford 8, Toro 6, Small 4, Gymnopoulos 4 (Romero 67th — Bekas 1st), Karamakios 4, Gotsis 4, Juan Toro

POLONIA 2 (Warszawski 17th, Marshall 80th) GREEN GULLY 2 (Sweeney 22nd, Zemunik 30th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Kiss 5 — Liparski 6 (Przybyla 70th), Bennett 7, Kotzamalch 5, Drincovsky 5 — P. Czapiak 8, Flavel 6, Nelson 7, Wycisk 6, Storm 6, Warszawski (Marshall 59th), Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

GREEN GULLY DENYS 7 — Hoggan 6, Grmudac 5, Cannell 7 — Fraser 5, Oudley 6, McClelland 7, Douglas 6 — Cumming 8, Sweeney 6, Zemunik 5 (Carter 76th), Coach: Gus MacLeod.

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 THOMASTOWN 1 (McGuinness 46th) at Ralph Street Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitis 6 — Stefanidis 4, Kagioglou 4, Dimovski 7, Espósito 6 — Minh 5, Macleod 5, Farmer 5, Cotsinos 4 (Kyrias 75th) — McCluskey 5 (H.T. Hamill 5), Tuck 6, Coach: Jim Kondilis.

THOMASTOWN: Rapoti 7 — Cosentino 7, McMillan 8, Higgins 9, Arcoraci 8 — Carfora 7, Kerr 8, DiMartino 7, Coyle 8 — Athersych 8, McGuinness 8, Coach: Mike Lynn.

FAWKNER 1 (Tuffield 40th) CROYDON 1 (Brogan 70th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Wilson 7 — Schipano 6, Fattore 7, Ferla 7 — Palinkas 7, Walsh 6, Chivelli 6, Stenson 6 — Cozzella 6, Tuffield 7 (inj), Di Cecco 70th, Verechia 6, Coach: Frank McAlister.

CROYDON: Waterman 6 — M. Brown 7, Marshall 7, Brack 5, Tansey 7 — McDonald 6 (O'Shea 72nd), Beech 7, Brogan 7 — J. Nelson 8, French 7, Livingstone 7, Coach: Jim Tansey.

ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Runje penalty 55th, Rastocic 60th) BROADMEADOWS 0 at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Grigic 6 — Kuzman 7, Krajacic 6, Ramljak 6, Colina 7 — Culina 5, Batovicic 6, Rastocic 5 (Bacak 80th), Duzel 7 — Runje 6, Morovic 6, Coach: Tony Vrzina.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace 5 — Smart 5, Vizzini 7, Hoggan 7, Edmondson 6 — Kostes (inj), Arco 20th, Oj. Clantar 5, S. Blair 8, Liberto 6 — P. Kadlicek 7, J. Kadlicek 5, Coach: Kaz Kulak.

FRANKSTON PINES 2 (P. Hennessy 27th, Buchanan penalty 83rd) OAKLEIGH 4 (Irvine penalty 44th, Papas 51st, Cumming 60th, Politis 71st) at Montebello Reserve, Sunday.

FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 6 — Parks 5, Bozic 5, Thurlow 5 — Hodgson 4 (Watson H.T. 5), Richardson 5 (Roberts 60th), Buchanan 5, Ferris 5, Miller 7 — Armstrong 7, P. Hennessy 6, Coach: Danny McMinimie.

OAKLEIGH: Vafiadis 6 — Lalatas 7, Tasiopoulos 7, Pahljina 8, J. Cumming 8 — S. Gusic 8 (Kakantonis 80th), Ross 8, Politis 8 — Irvine 8, Goufalis 6, P. Gusic 6 (inj), Papas 43rd, Coach: Kris Kalifatidis.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT 3 (Polak 44th, P. Foster 84th, Edwards 88th) SPRINGVALE 0 at Bruce Stadium, Saturday.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT: Gunning 8 — Healy 7, Horvath 7, Cummings 8, C. Foster 7 — Marcina 6, Polak 8, Koch 7, Nicolaou 6 — Edwards 8, P. Foster 7, Coach: Ron Smith.

SPRINGVALE: Boland 8 — Bannan 6, Kral 80th, Hobson 7, Vogel 6, Adams 6 — Bissenger 6, Bell 7, Williams 7 — Loughnane 7, Vasic 6 (Wild 72nd), House 7, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

BOX HILL 1 (Burton 62nd) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Sirtion 7th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 7 — McPhee 7, Hennessy 6, McMillan 6 — Mori 7, Brimmer 6, Burton 8, Roodhouse 6 — Azopardi 7, Mozinga 7, White 6, Coach: George Murray.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 7 — Bingham 6, Bruns 6, Tutill 7, Clarke 6 — C. Cassar 6, O'Callaghan 7, A. Cassar 6, T. van Baar 6 (J. van Baar 54th (Gotsis 88th)) — Webster 6, Sirtion 7, Coach: Dave O'Connor.

Best three: 3. Burton (BH), 2. O'Callaghan (MF), 1. Sirtion (MF).

V/C CUP RESULTS

Here are all of last weekend's Victorian League Cup results:

Albion Turk Gully 4 Hawthorn 2; Albion City 5 Moreland Park Rangers 1; Albion Gate 3 Langwarrin 0; Boroia 0 Springvale Utd 6; Clifton Hill 5 Nunawading City 1; Doveton 0 Port Melbourne 2; Bullerite 2 (4-3 on pens); Waverley Wanderers 0 (1-3 on pens); Moorabbin City 2 Bell Park 5; Mooroolbark 0 Knox City 0 (6-7 on pens); North Dandenong 3 Prahran 0; North Melbourne 2; Prahran 2 (4-3 on pens); Boroia Celtic 3 Sunbury 0; Sandringham City 1 Diamond Valley 3; Seaford Utd 1 Ringwood City 0; SM Mordialloc 0 Williamstown 4; Yallourn 1 Melbourne 0.

Here are last weekend's Provisional League Cup results:

Altona Utd 1 Meadow Park 7; Ascot Vale 2 Ardeer 4; Belmont Utd 3 Springvale Condors 2; Central City 1 Regent 0; Clayton 6 Brintons 2; Ivanhoe City 2 Berwick City 1; Kennington Utd 0 Ringwood Rovers 4; Loral 1 North Sunshine 1 (4-3 on pens); Malvern City 5 Burwood Utd 2; Mossfield 2 Ballarat 1; South Springvale 4 Skye Rovers 1; St. Kilda 5 Balclutha 1; Uni of Melbourne 2 West Utd 0; Warrnambool 0 Brunswick City 3.

Here are all of last weekend's Amateur League Cup results:

Diggers Rest beat North Melbourne by walkover; Epping Thistle 2 Old Scotch 3; Melbourne University 2 Hawthorn United 6; Lynwood Grammar 0 Keilor United 4; Anstey United 0 Northern Suburbs 2; Macabai 3 Unifield 4.

end's Amateur League Reserve Cup results:

Concorde 1 Latrobe University 4; Collingwood City beat Epping Thistle by walkover; Inter City beat Yarra United by walkover; Balway City 2 Hawthorn United 3; East Albion beat North Melbourne by walkover.

Here is the draw for the Sunday's round of the Amateur League Cup:

Inter City v East Albion, Latrobe Uni v Collingwood City, Northern Suburbs v Old Scotch, Balway City v Concorde, Diamond Valley v Hawthorn Utd, Unifield v Diggers Rest, R.M.I.T. v Waverley Wanderers, Yarra Utd v Keilor Utd.

Here is the draw for Sunday's round of the Amateur League Reserve Cup:

Maccabi v Collingwood City, Anstey Utd v Latrobe Uni, Keilor United v Melbourne Uni, Unifield v Diggers Rest, Phillip Institute v Waverley Wanderers, Inter City v R.M.I.T., East Albion v Diamond Valley, Old Camberwell v Hawthorn United.

MAYORAL CUP

The inaugural Springvale Mayoral Cup kicks off next Wednesday night, April 1, when Keysborough and Springvale City clash under lights at Ross Reserve at 6.30pm followed by a battle between South Springvale and Springvale United at 8.15pm.

The winners of the two games meet the following Wednesday to decide the winner of the Cup, which is being organised to raise money for Jaws of Life group which funds local emergency services.

The cup also has a junior section which will be played for by the same teams as the senior section plus Dingley United. The games for age groups under-9 to under-15 will be played on Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 5 also at Ross Reserve.

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FOR BOOKS, BARS, BARRING, BOOKS

Will Wilhelmina bounce straight back into the State League?

All of the new captain

● West German national team coach Franz Beckenbauer has appointed Klaus Alofs to succeed Tony Schumacher as captain. Earlier, Beckenbauer banished Schumacher from the West German squad after the Cologne goalkeeper alleged that drug-taking was widely practised among players in the Bundesliga.

● Ruud Gullit, the PSV Eindhoven striker who is expected to sign for AC Milan soon, is Holland's Footballer of the Year.

● England's Football Association has decreed that henceforth it will not permit any FA Cup games to be played on artificial surfaces. Clubs with synthetic turfs will be forced to play all their ties in the competition at their opponents' grounds or on neutral territory.

● Australian-born Tony Dorico has turned down a proposed move from Aston Villa to Chelsea.

● Liam Brady has returned to London after seven years in Italy. A \$200,000 transfer took the Elre international from Ascoli to West Ham United.

● Real Sociedad's 10-1 crushing of Athletic Majorca provided the Spanish Cup quarter-finals with its highlight. Other clubs to qualify for the last four are Athletic Madrid, Real Madrid and Athletic Bilbao.

● Ajax Amsterdam, Den Bosch, Vitesse Arnhem and Second Division DS 79 will contest the Dutch Cup semi-finals.

● A crowd of just 4,000 braved unseasonably cold weather in Athens to see Greece and Rumania draw their friendly international 1-1. Dimitrios Saravakos opened the scoring for the Greeks in the 52nd minute, only for Gheorche Hagi to equalise with as penalty six minutes from the end.

● The first leg of the European Champions' Cup quarter-final tie between Besiktas and Dynamo Kiev was postponed seven times because of a snow-bound pitch before the Soviet champion cruised to a 5-0 win. Dynamo took it easy in last week's return leg in Kiev, winning 2-0 for a 7-0 aggregate victory.



Overseas round-up with PAUL MOON

Bookies try to bribe Thai stars

Two Thai players were offered money to ensure Thailand lost its recent pre-Olympic soccer match against Malaysia, Thai team manager Yangyong Nilprom said last week.

Yangyong told reporters that the two players received four or five telephone calls offering them money to throw the match.

Thailand defeated Malaysia 1-0.

"One of the callers was a woman who spoke to the players in Thai. I think the bookies hired this Thai-speaking woman because most of our players do not speak English," Yangyong said.

Thai coach Cherdasak Chaibutr told reporters the players were offered one million bahts (\$460,000) each to "fix" the match.

"But we are really worried about these bookies, because our players earn very little in Thailand, and these kinds of offers can be very tempting."

"Even though we have cut all incoming calls to the players, the bookies can still come to the hotel and make a room-to-room call, which was what they did before the match," he said.

Yangyong said he and Thai Football Association President General Khlor Kerdian gave the Thai players 100,000 Thai baht (\$46,000) for defeating Malaysia, telling the players that it might not be much, but it was clean money.



West Germany's Klaus Alofs holds off Morocco's Khalifa Ladd during last year's World Cup Final in Mexico.

THE WIZARDS OF NAPOLI

A group of Italian wizards began a series of mystical rites last weekend in support of the title hopes of First Division leader Napoli and its Argentine captain Diego Maradona (pictured).

A statement issued by the Italian Wizards' Association said they had started seven days of magical spells "in order to wipe out any obstacles to Napoli winning the league title".

The wizards, who sprinkled incense in front of giant posters of Maradona in the hills near the southern Italian town, said some of Napoli's opponents had obtained the services of a Peruvian magician in an attempt to stop Maradona's team winning the championship for the first time.

Eyewitnesses said several

spectators at the ceremony threw stones and rotten fruit at the wizards.

Napoli has a five-point lead with two months of the season to go.

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By JOHN MANGAN

Ringwood Wilhelmina coach Tom Kelly has forked out almost \$5,000 on three new players in an attempt to bounce straight back into the Victorian State League.

The word at the club is that despite last year's relegation team morale is higher than it has been for years and that the strengthened squad is well equipped to win the First Division title.

To do that, Ringwood Wilhelmina will have to beat off a determined challenge from Nunawading City which finished third last season and the dark horses of the division, newly promoted Bulleen and Essendon City Triestina.

An outside chance for the championship just might be Altona Gate which has a new coach, a few new players and very strong support.

Wilhelmina though will be the yardstick for other team's performances.

Kelly has paid Box Hill \$3,500 for Andy Hughes and Brian Keenan and has bought goalkeeper Rick Janssen from Frankston Pines for \$1,250.

Alan Gentry at Bulleen has signed Goran Trogrlic for \$2,500 from Melbourne Croatia and the young striker has had no trouble finding the net in practice matches. Trogrlic played on loan with Polonia last season.

Meanwhile Richmond and Altona Gate both begin the season with new players from overseas.

Richmond has acquired the services of English midfielder Brendan Flanagan, who arrived in Australia only four weeks ago. He has played non-league football for Burton Albion.

Pat Bannon at Altona Gate has signed 21-year-old midfielder Klime Alsimoski from Macedonian Second Division club Ohrid. Alsimoski was training with Ohrid prior to travelling here so should be close to match fitness. He will be joined at the club by George Gagic who moved from Box Hill for \$1,500.

Bannon replaces Eddy Reid as coach following Reid's move to Richmond.

Richmond has lost its two full-backs Mark Robinson and Sam Deluca. Robinson has gone to fellow First Division club Doncaster Rovers.

Essendon City Triestina has lost Joe Vizzini to Broadmeadows and gained Paul Campbell from Moreland Park Rangers.

In addition to signing Peter Orlerton, Alan Munro and Brian Thom, Knox City's new coach Mike Sinclair has signed left-back Ron Sinclair from his old club Fernree Gully. Norrie Pate has been appointed assistant coach and will also play.

While Wilhelmina has set about rebuilding its team following last season's relegation by buying new players, Melbourne Hungaria is relying on its young talent to get it through the year.

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● Mark Perree (Waverley City)

rival Preston Macedonia 1-0 in a friendly. The Macedonia committee, coach and players had a long dressing-room meeting after the game and only a handful of players stayed to attend a function put on by Altona Gate for the visitors.

Bulleen starts the season without Brendan Lalic who has gone to Polonia and Mai Telma who has retired and Andy Bozakis is still suffering from illness so his return to the team has been delayed.

Aiming for the top half of the table, Alan Gentry's team is grilling itself for the physically demanding style of play in the First Division. While Gentry has got a good squad he is still looking for a man to bolster the team's midfield.

Also promoted, Essendon City Triestina has basically the same side as last year.

The club's first game at the higher level is at home to Nunawading on Sunday afternoon and the game should give a fair indication as to how the team will perform this year. Nunawading will be looking for a good start to a year that could end in promotion to State League so the visitors should give Triestina a baptism of fire and come away with the points.

Ringwood Wilhelmina has its first game at Jubilee Park also on Sunday. Werribee, which finished mid-table last year, should find Kelly's team too difficult to handle.

Melbourne Hungaria is extending an open invitation to any aspiring young players who would like to try out with the club to come down to Melbourne's Kororoit Creek Road ground in Williamstown. Kororoit Creek Road is the venue of Saturday's game against Albion Rovers where a draw is the most likely outcome.

In the Second Division, Waverley City will be launching a solid bid for promotion this year.

A successfully implemented youth policy has seen three-quarters of the current senior squad come up through the club's ranks.

Current goalkeeper Mark Perree follows in a proud tradition which has seen the club field players like Phil Traianedes and Sean Keogh who have both gone on to make names for themselves in goal at National League level.

North Geelong, Altona City and Clifton Hill could well be up there vying for honors and Hamin Rangers got the season off to a good start by winning the Geelong Advertiser Cup. Eltham will again be strong at home on its small ground and if it can take some points away from its away games it could be a surprise packet.

Fernree Gully and Bell Park will be pressing hard for the Third Division title this season after coming close last year.

The home team should have the edge in this clash against Gully which has suffered a mini-exodus of players to Knox following in the footsteps of coach Sinclair.

Keilor Austria is planning to rebound directly back to the Second Division after a disappointing season last year. Tommy Tennor replaces Pedro Santos as coach and striker David Perkin from Broadmeadows City and Kenny Price from Albion have been signed. The club also intends to sign New Zealander Graham Moran.

Hawthorn, Holland Park and Coburg are three teams which will be in the hunt for the Fourth Division championship.

Coburg, which is being sponsored by Floyd Podgar Construction this year, has added

Shamrock Rovers player Alan Fox to its ranks. Fox's playing ability is matched only by his voice and his version of "The Soldier's Song" is gaining him attention wherever he goes. Even coach Billy Miller is getting to know the words, but he's loathe to admit it.

Ian Cowan, the Hawthorn coach, plans to blitz the division this year.

"I won't accept anything less than winning the league this year," he said. "We have no fear of any of the teams here."

Hawthorn will be put to the test by Prahran at the H.A. Smith Reserve on Saturday and should come out of this game victorious.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

VICTORIAN LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Saturday: North Dandenong v BULLEEN, KNOX CITY v Sunbury United, ALTONA GATE v SM Mordiallo, Melbourne v Albion Rovers (draw), DONCASTER ROVERS v Richmond.

Sunday: Essendon City v NUNAWADING CITY, RINGWOOD CITY v Werribee.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: DANDENONG CITY v Hamlyn Rangers, Waverley City v Ringwood United, Altona City v PRAIRIE CITY, Westgate v NORTH GEELONG, CLIFTON HILL v Mornington, Eltham v Doveton (draw), MOOROLBARK v Sandringham City.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: BELL PARK v Fernree Gully, KEILOR v West Brunswick, Moreland PR v YARRAVILLE, Moorabbin City v SPRINGVALE UTD, Port Melbourne v ROSANNA, CLARINDA v Corleong Utd, GEELONG v Yallourn.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Karingal United v EAST BRUNSWICK, BORONIA v Pascoe Vale, COBURG v Williamstown, HAWTHORN v Prahran, DIAMOND VALLEY UTD v Lalor Utd, HOLLAND PARK v Langwarrin, Keysborough v SEAFORD UNITED.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Saturday: BALLARAT v Ardeer, Brighton v MELTON, Chelsea v North Sunshine (draw), CENTRAL CITY v Malvern City, Clayton v Ivanhoe City (draw), EAST GEELONG v Greensborough, East Preston v REGENT.

DIVISION TWO

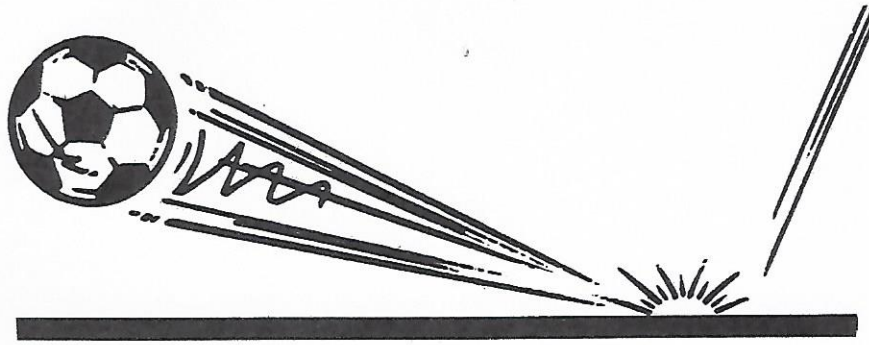
Saturday: Forest Hill v BATMAN UTD, BERWICK CITY v West Meadows, CRANBOURNE v Wandura, NACLEY UTD v Asot Vale City, Glenroy v MOSSFIELD RANGERS, Monash Uni v MONMOUTH, BRUNSWICK CITY v South Yarra.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: BURWOOD UTD v Uni of Melbourne, NORTHERN UNITED v Springvale Condors, MEADOW PARK v Ringwood Rovers, PARKMORE v Lalor, Port United v South Springvale (draw), RICHMOND UNITED v Mitcham Utd, St Kilda v Waverley UNITED.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Carrum United v BALACLAVA, FITZROY v Brimston, Debeney Park v ASOT V T MARKS, Mulgrave, ASCOM v ALTONA UNITED, LYNDALE v West United, Eagles United v SKY ROVERS, BUEBCHAE v Kardinian



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DVA DERBIJA NA PO- CETKU PRVENSTVA

Pocetak prvenstva West End Nacionalne lige je sav u znaku derbija. Sydney Croatia se imati priliku da se sedam dana posle poraza u finalu Ansett Challenge Chelida revanšira posestimili iz Melbourne na istom stadionu u prvom kolu prvenstva.

Prvenstvenu sezonu u Sydneyu ustvari otvaraju St. George i ARIA u petak uvece 27. marta na St. George stadionu. Utakmica pocinje u 8 sati uvece.

U Melbourne sezona pocinje u subotu uvece na Olympic Parku sa italijanskim derbijem izmedju Juventus i Marconia. Derbi nash klubova igra se u nedelju 29. marta izmedju JUSTA i Preston Makedonija na igralistu JUSTA u Footscray. Sa tehnicke strane uprava Justa ce uciniti sve sto je najbolje za publiku i igruce. Sveta "Dunar" je poklonio 20 kilograma ceparica, koje ce pripremati udarna ekipa iz Springvala i Noble Park na celu sa Pejom Vukadinovicem.

Igraci oba tima trudice se da prikazu dobru igru i osvoje prve bodove u prvenstvu. Tesko je predvideti pobednika. Sekularac je pesimista, moze da razlogom, jer nije dobio bekove kakve je zeleo. Poslednja proba nije bila neuspesna. Hellas je pobedio "plave" sa 2:0 (1:0), a moglo je biti i vise da Nikolic nije odlicno igrao. JUST niji potpisao Oscara Crina, koji je naprasno oducio da ode na "operaciju" u Englesku? JUST je bio u pravu sto

nije kupovao "macku u dzaku" kao sto je to uradio Juventus sa Belicem.

Radiojevic je igrao samo jedno poluvreme, jer se navodno povredio na treningu. Zdravko Lujic nije igrao jer je bio povredjen, ali bice u redu za prve utakmicu sa Makedonijom.

Tapal, Karic i Bozinovski igraju sve bolje, ali jos nisu u punoj formi. Slicno vazi za Spinka, Barjaktarevica, Curvica i Latifa, dok se novajlija Van Edmond vrlo dobro snasao u novoj sredini. Isto vazi i za Jamesa.

Medjutim, Makedonija ima jos vecu probleme. Poslednju pripremu pripremu utakmicu sa Altonom Gate Vardarom izgubila je sa 1:0 (0:0) na Paisley Reserve u North Altoni, a moglo je biti i gore da Traianidis nije pravio bravure na голу.

Makedonija je igrala u sledecem sastavu: Traianidis, Opsanis, McLennan (Jolevski), Ilioski, Dobson, Jackson, Smith, Brian (Campbell), Gojevic (Piculovski), Dick, Tasevski. Nije igrao jedino van Edmond.

Debitovao je Zoran Tasevski bivsi igrač Vardara i vinkovackog Dinama. Jedini gol postigao je Robert Sadick u 76. minutu posto ga je idealno posluzio Mendo Ristovski.

Za Altonu Gate je igrao novajlija Kliment Asimovski, koji je prosle sezone dosao iz Ohrida. Sudio je odlicno Petar Mateski.

Na osnovu ovoga tesko je predvideti favorita utakmice JUST v. Makedonija, koja cak

moze da nadmasi sva ocekivanja, jer je prvenstvo jedna a pripreme i nocna sezona sasvim druga stvar.

U predigri se sastaju mladi timovi JUSTA i Makedonije u 1 pm.

DRUGO KOLO PRO- VIIONALNOG KUPA

ALTONA GATE VARDAR - LANGWARRIN 3:0 (1:0). Ste pobeda nije bila ubedjivija greh nosi na dusi druga nava, koja je prokockala zrela snaga.

Svi golovi su poklonjeni od cuden odbrane Langwarrina. Golman Langwarrina je pravio cuda na голу skoro celo prvo poluvreme, a onda je dva puta pogresno degazirao u noge Jorgo Gagic u 47. i Tim Bickom 86. minutu, koji nisu mogli da promase gol. Treći gol je postigao Mendo Ristovski posle nepotrebnog jedanaestereca, koji je napravio centar half gostiju u 69. minutu.

Altona Gate Vardar: Ernie Toth, Zlatko Vujanovic, Jim Derisovski, Jonec Serovski, Tibor Drincovic, Kliment Asimovski, Boris Gelevski, Sam Micevski, Tim Bickici (Goran Georgievski), Jorgo Gagic (Arthur Davis), Mendo Ristovski.

U subotu 28. marta pocinje prvenstvena trka Prve divizije, koja ova godine ima 14 klubova. Altonu Gate je domacin S.M. Mordialocu na Paisley Reserve u North Altoni. Rezerve

pocinju u 1 sat, a prvi timovi u 3 po podne.

Dva juniorska tima Altona Gate Vardara dopigli su u finalu Regionalnog kupa, koje se igraju u nedelju 29. marta na igralistu Sunshine Heights, Glenaig Rd.

Ispod 14 godina: Altona Gate "A" - Altona City 2:0 (0:0).

Strelci: Romeo Neskovski i Steve Nikolovski. U nedelju 29. marta Altona Gate "A" igra u finalu protiv St. Albans Dinama.

Ispod 15 godina: Altona Gate Strelci: Zoran Markovski 2, Toni Grodzanovski, Denis Stresnjak i Sasa Pavezski. U finalu se sastaju Altona Gate i George Cross.

BORONIE - SPRINGVALE UNITED 0:6 (0:2). Strelci: Peter Lutgens, Cane Veleviski, Goran Filipovski i Semir Becirivic po 1. Dado Jelenc 2. Laka ubedjivija pobeda "plavini", koji su igrali u sledecem sastavu: Milan Mandic, Mica Jankovic, Neil Dragovic, Ilija Kerezovic, Goran Veljovic, Zlatko Tasic, Dragomir Jelic, Goran Filipovski, Semir Becirivic (Zoran Djukic), Peter Lutgens, Cane Veleviski.

U prvom kolu prvenstva Trece divizije Springvale United je gost Moorabbin City na Victory Parku, Patterson Road, Moorabbin, VV 77 C2.

MORDIALLOC - WILLIAMSTOWN/MLADOST 0:4 (0:1).

Strelci: Venco Bozinovski, Nedeljko Mudrine, Mirko Bekker i Dragan Nedelkovski.

Mladost odavno nije igrala ovako dobro sto je odlican znak pred pocetak sezone. U prvom kolu Cetvrtre divizije Mladost je gost Coburga na Hoskin Reserve, Cnr. Pallet and Bakers Roads, North Coburg, My.17G.8.

U sredu 25. marta Mladost igra prijateljsku utakmicu protiv Crvene zvezde na svom igralistu, Grey Reserve, Kororick Creek Rd, Williamstown. Pocetak u 7 sati uvece.

U subotu 28. marta pocinju prvenstvenu trku u Victoria koji ostali nash klubovi, koji su ranije ispali iz victoria Kupa.

U drugoj diviziji Rungwood Srbija je gost Waverley City na Gardiner Creek Reserve, Evans Street, Burwood, My.60 J.8. dok je Westgate sindjelci domacin North Geelong Croatia, po svoj prilici na Yarraville Ovalu ako je prosia kriket sezona.

U cetvrtj diviziji Pascoe Vale Pelister je gost Boronije u H.V. Jones Reserve, Kingston Street, Fernrie Gully, My.73 G.5.

Lalor Sloga je takodje gost Diamond Valley Uniteda za prvenstvo cetvrtre divizije.

PROVIZIONALNI KUP CENTRAL CITY/CRVENA ZVEZDA - REGENT 1:0 (1:0). Jedini gol postigao je Nikola

Radmanovic u 38. minutu, posle centarsuta Gorana Simica. Jos po jednu idealnu sansu imali su Goran Simic u 10. minutu, Renato Budinski i Nikola Radunovic u drugom poluvremenu.

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Sastav Zvezde: Nikola Popovic, Mirek Wiech, Steve Derek, Zoran Roksanidic, Joe Biro, Bragan Milenkovic, Renato Budinski, Goran Simic, Nikola Radunovic, Sasa Milenkovic, Boris Sbrinovski. Na klupi su sedeli Ivica Karic, Bojan Simic i Boris Stefanov. Trener Joe Sabo.

Najbolji igraci: Joe Biro, Zoran Roksanidic i Mirek Wiech.

Suti karton su zaradili dva igraca Regenta i Sasa Milenkovic iz Zvezde.

Rezervni kup: Crvena zvezda - Carrum United 0:5 (0:2). Gosti su se pojavili sa sest protivnaca, dok je trener Zvezdine rezerve Petar Pervaz ivero jo neugiran i nepripremljen sastav, koji ce se kaliti u prvenstvu.

U subotu 28. marta pocinje i prvenstvo Prve provizionalne. U prvom kolu Zvezda od cukeju Malvern City na Como Parku. U 1 sat igraju rezerve, a u 3 po podne prvi timovi.

Iz provizionalnog kupa ispali su Kensington Beograd, koji je na svom terenu izgubio od Ringwood Roversa sa 4:0,

dok je Meadow Park pregazio Altonu/Vojvodinu sa 7:1. Warranta je izgubila na jedanaestereca od Brunswick Citya.

U prvom kolu Druge provizionalne divizije Warranta je gost Cranbourne na Cranbourne Soccer Groundu, O'Toole Road, My.133 G.6. Warranta je ispala iz Prve provizionalne divizije.

U prvom kolu Trece provizionalne divizije Parkmore PLAVI DUNAJ igra protiv Laiona na svom igralistu Parkmore Sports Groundu, uga Chapel Rd i Homeleigh Rd, Keysborough.

U prvom kolu Cetvrtre provizionalne divizije Altona Vojvodina je gost Mulgrave Ascoma na Freeway Reserve, Kermot Avenue, Mulgrave. Vojvodina je ispala iz Trece divizije, a pre dve godine se takmicila u Drugoj.

Kensington BEOGARD, takodje clan Cetvrtre provizionalne divizije, igra u gostima protiv Riversdale na Frog Hollow Reserve, Fordham Ave., Camberwell, My.60 B.2.

PLAVO VECE

Pocetak nove sezone JUST ce obeleziti sa Zabavom u Panarama Reception, uga Moreland i Parker Streets u Footscrayu subotu 28. marta. Goste ce zabavljati popularni orkestar "Soca". Ulaznice se mogu kupiti iste veceri - 7 dolara za odrasle, 4 dolara za decu i penzionere.

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PANTEBOY ETO MINPA PARK

APKIZEI την Κυριακή το πρωτάθλημα του Νέσσιοναλ Λίγκ και η Ελλάδα στον πρώτο της αγώνα υποδέχεται στο Μίντλ Πάρκ την Τζ.Κρόβς την οποία στο νυχτερινό Κύπελλο (Μπάφαλλο) νίκησε δόσοκα 2-1. Αύριο οι φίλοι της Ελλάς της... νέας Ελλάς με τον Μπράντ Γκάρβν στο τιμόνι πλέον θα πρέπει να δώσουν έντονο το παρόν και να βοηθήσουν την ελληνική ομάδα να κερδίσει τους δύο πρώτους βαθμούς στο οπωσδήποτε δύσκολο αυτό πρωτάθλημα.

ΠΡΩΤΑΘΛΗΜΑ ΒΙΚΤΟΡΙΑΣ

Αρχίζουν τα διάφορα πρωτάθλημα μεταξύ Βικτωριανών. Στην Α' κατηγορία του Βικτάριαν Λίγκ ο ΕΡΜΗΣ Μορντινιάλλοκ θα παίξει εκτός έδρας με την Αλτόνα Γκλντν. Στην Β' κατηγορία το ΚΑΙΦΟΝ ΧΙΑ υποδέχεται στο γηπεδό του το Μόρνινγκτον. Στην Γ' κατηγορία που παίζουν 3 ελληνικές ομάδες η ΔΟΞΑ Γιάραβιλ θα αγωνισθεί εκτός έδρας με το Μόρελαντ Π. Ραίτζερς, η Ν.ΣΑΛΑΣ στο Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν θα αντιμετωπίσει την Ροσάνα και η ΚΑΛ-ΡΙΝΤΑ γηπεδοφύλα υποδέχεται το Κορότιο. Στην Δ' κατηγορία ο ΠΕΑΘΟΛΑΣ στην έδρα του θα παίξει με το Περνάν.

ΠΡΟΒΙΖΙΟΝΑΛ ΛΗΓΚ

Οι αγώνες του Προβιζιοναλ Λίγκ για τις ομάδες μας είναι οι εξής: Σέντραλ Σίτυ - ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ

ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑΣ - Εξώθεν Γιάραβιλ
ΑΝΤΑΓΟΡΑΣ - Σπρινκβαϊλ Κόντορς
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Πόρτ Γιουν. - ΣΑΟΥΘ ΕΠΙΝΚΕΒΑΙΝΑ
Λίντλντλ - ΡΟΥΣΕΤ Γιουν.
ΜΕΤΑΛΛΗ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΔΟΞΑΣ ΓΙΑΡΑΒΙΛ

Η ΔΟΞΑ Γιάραβιλ βουτή και αποσπασιστική αν και συνάντησε μέσα στο Ντάφτον μία τρομερά εχθρική διαίτηση, κατ'εφευρε να φέρει ισοκαλία άνευ τερμάτων με την τοπική ομάδα και στα πέναλτυ να νικήσει 4-1 εξασφαλίζοντας το εισιτήριο για τον επόμενο γύρο.

Στο 56' σούτ του Γκιλλαν βρήκε το δοκάρι του Ντάφτον, ενώ στην παράταση η δόξα αναγκάστηκε να παίξει με 10 παίκτες όταν ο αυθελλνγκος ρεφερέ έδειξε δευτεροκρίτην κάρτα στον Στρατράν. Ας σημειωθεί ότι φόρτωσε με κάρτες χωρίς λόγο τους Γ.Μελέτης, Φ.Δημητρίου και Κώστα Διονυσόπουλο ο οποίος στην παράταση δέχθηκε τρομερό και εγκληματικό κτύπημα στο λαμπί και αποχώρησε. Τελικά ο ρεφερέ δεν έδειξε ούτε μία κάρτα στους γηπεδοφύλους που οι οποίοι αν δεν είχαν την φωνική βοήθεια του, θα είχαν χάσει τον αγώνα στην κανονική του διάρκεια.

Τα πέναλτυ για την δόξα σημείωσαν οι Γ.Μελέτης, Τερζάκης, Ν.Μελέτης και Φ.Δημητρίου (δεν χρειάστηκε να κτυπήσει το πέμπτο). Θυμώσιος ο γκολκίπερ Νίκος Αποστολίδης απέκρουσε πέναλτυ και ήταν κέρβερος κάτω από τα δοκάρια των ήττων.

Έπαιξαν οι: Αποστολίδης, Τσολακίδης, Β.Ελευθερίου, Φ.Δημητρίου, Γ.Μελέτης, Αλ.Τασοφίνος, Ν.Μελέτης, Κωστόπουλος, Κόστ. Διονυσόπουλος (102' Τερζάκης) Γκιλλαν και Στρατράν.

ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ - ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ 5 - 2

ΓΙΑ το Κύπελλο του Προβιζιοναλ το Μάλβερν διέλυσε τον Πυθαγόρα 5-2. Τα γκολ πέτυχαν οι Ρέλλος 2, Γουάιλις 2 και Παπαδόπουλος. Έπαιξαν οι: Φλασούνας (ήταν θαναμάσιος) Παπαδόπουλος, Νίκου, Τσιάπος, Καβαλάκης, Γεωργιάδης, Λάκρας, Κυριακόπουλος, Ρέλλος Γουάιλις, Τσιράνης.

ΑΡΙΣΤΗ ΔΙΑΙΤΗΣΙΑ

ΣΤΟΝ αγώνα Μπόξ Χιλ - Μόργουελ αθλώνες της περασμένης Κυριακής που έληξε 1-1 ο ρεφερέ κ.Δ.ΒΟΥΤΣΙΝΑΣ πήρε άριστα. Ο ελληνικός διαίτητής έτρεξε σε όλες τις γωνιές του γηπέδου, στάθηκε κοντά στις φάσεις και επόμενος ήταν να μην αδικήσει καμία ομάδα. Την τετρα του ο άνθρωπος την έδειξε σε μερικές φάσεις που με τον τρόπο του κατέρρεε... καλμάρι μερικούς δυναμικούς παίκτες και την δύο ομάδων αποφεύγοντας και τις κρίσιμες κάρτες. Συγχαρητήρια κόνιε Βουτσινά και...ΙΟ.

ΠΟΙΟΙ ΘΑ ΦΥΓΟΥΝ;

ΕΙΝΑΙ αδύνατον ο Μπράντ Γκάρβν να έχει 19 παίκτες (τόσο είναι) στη διαθεσή του γιατί η Ελλάδα δεν είναι σε θέση να πληρώσει κάθε βρομάδα τόσα άτομα.

by
Manos
Milios

Έτσι ο αριθμός για την τακτική ομάδα θα μειωθεί.

ΙΝΤΑΣΤΡΙΑΛ ΑΗΤΚ

ΤΟ ΠΡΩΤΑΘΛΗΜΑ του Ιντάστριαλ Λίγκ θα αρχίσει στις 5 Απριλίου (Δ' κατηγορία) και 12 του ίδιου μήνα οι υπελοπικές κατηγορίες.

Υπενθυμίζεται ότι όλες οι ομάδες είναι υποχρεωμένες να πληρώσουν την ετήσια συνδρομή τους έως το τέλος του Μαρτίου

ΛΕΩΝΙΔΑΣ

ΙΝΑΣ πόρνι παίκτες του Λεωνίδα ξαναφύρεσε φέτος πάλι την φανέλλα της ομάδας του Μπράντγουου. Πρόκειται για τον Βασίλη Μαρκάκο που του καλωσορίζουν όλοι.

ΣΥΓΧΑΡΗΤΗΡΙΑ

ΣΤΟΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΟ Λιλικήνη του προπονητή της νέας ελληνικής ομάδας Κρήτη, του οποίου η σεζόνος του Νάνα έφερε στον κόσμο ένα χαριτωμένο κοριτσάκι που θα ακοβεί στο όνομα Λεονάρδια, η στήλη του εφέχεται να του χρίσει.

ΠΑΝΗΥΡΙ ΕΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ

ΤΗΝ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 5 Απριλίου το Μάλβερν Σίτυ διοργανώνει πανηγύρι στο γηπεδό του. Κατά την διάρκεια της ημέρας θα διεξαχθούν ποδοσφαιρικοί αγώνες των τζούνιορς και θα υπάρχουν φτιάδες επίσης και ορχήστρες με ντόπιους καλλιτέχνες.

Sabato sera derby Juve-Marconi

Alle ore 20 di venerdì prossimo al St George Stadium di Sydney partita ufficialmente la prima partita (anticipata) della West End National Soccer League per il 1987; protagonisti della serata il St George di Frank Ark e l'ARIA di Rale Rasic. Il pronostico, per difficile sia, deve necessariamente essere a favore dell'ARIA che quest'anno ha condotto una vigorosa campagna acquisti e sulla carta appare ben dotata di talenti in campo ed in panchina. 24 ore dopo un'altra partita anticipata del campionato avrà inizio all'Olympic Park di Melbourne la inevitabile euforia per la prima di campionato e per il grande derby italiano Juventus - Marconi.

La squadra di Sydney arriva agguerritissima con i suoi grossi calibri in attacco, la metà di acquisti farina, Maxwell e Nikolic ma con qualche tentennamento in difesa. E soprattutto con il dente avvelenato per aver perso la seconda finale del precampionato nei giorni scorsi contro il Sydney Olympic.

pic. Dopo aver dominato la parte eliminatoria della State Bank Cup e della NSW Challenge Cup, la squadra ha ceduto in finale al Croatia ed agli ellenici in modo piuttosto inaspettato. Robert Vieri, ex grande del Marconi e quest'anno agli esordi come suo allenatore, ovviamente deve ancora risolvere qualche piccolo problema con il suo squadrone. Chissà se ancora si risolve in tempo il problema di dare alla cosovella di Melbourne qualche grosso dispiacere. Scorrendo i nomi dei titolari della squadra di Bossley Park, non si fa a meno di notare che la formazione è di quelle votate allo spettacolo e all'inseguimento della vittoria tramite un gioco d'attacco. Con tre punte di alto livello, il Marconi ha segnato e continuerà a segnare molto. I problemi in difesa non esisteranno perché gli attaccanti ricurranno a mettere a segno più reti di quante ne subirà la retrovia. Almeno così dovrebbe essere. Ma se l'attacco non dovesse ingranare, la difesa potrebbe crollare sotto la forte pressione avversaria. Il 3-0 infitto dal Sydney Olympic al Marconi sta a provare che la squadra di Vieri

soffre di grossi sbilanci fra la retrovia e la prima linea. Da parte sua la Juventus di McKendry, che farà gli onori di casa ai cugini di Sydney per la prima volta in partite di campionato, non è poi completamente registrata in tutti i reparti. Riscostituiti attacco e metà campo con l'acquisto di Lane (al posto di Sweeney) e Belle e Grac) al posto di Wade e Petersen), la squadra sembra ancora di qualche incertezza in difesa a causa delle assenze "volute" di Banovic e Campbell. Il giovane Marama fra i pali e l'ex attaccante Incantalupo a leonisti sinistra hanno fatto miracoli nelle partite della Buffalo Cup e nelle amichevoli, ma ovviamente per ora almeno non offrono le stesse garanzie di elementi collaudati come Banovic e Campbell. I due, fra i maggiori artefici dello scudetto 1985, sono stati chiaramente messi fuori squadra dall'allenatore per questioni che non hanno niente a che fare con valore e rendimento degli atleti. Sia Banovic che Campbell sono ancora tesserati della Juventus, ma non utilizzati. Il caso Banovic sembra assurdo poiché la squadra parte con un

solo portiere, e giovanissimo per giunta anche se molto dotato; il rischio è tale che certamente non vale la pena prenderlo quando ci si permette di metterli in campo con portiere fra i migliori del campionato. Il caso di Campbell è ancora più assurdo perché solo poche settimane fa il giocatore aveva messo da parte i dissapori ed aveva accettato di ritornare per altri due anni. Quando c'era stato un ritorno all'ovile e la riaccettazione da parte del supremo McKendry (almeno in teoria), il giocatore sente che l'ambiente gli è ormai ostile ed esprime e cerca di cambiare casacca. In questi giorni il simpatico Eddy potrebbe passare al JUST che è già riuscito a ridurre il prezzo chiesto da \$20.000 a \$15.000. Diamo a McKendry il credito di sapere quello che fa e per ora facciamo un atto di fede (o una chiusura di occhi) a certe sue impennate nei confronti di alcuni giocatori. Alla fin dei conti l'allenatore è lui e tocca perciò a lui di dare risultati, specialmente quando la società gli ha comprato giocatori per quasi \$50.000. A noi tocca il compito di offrire critica costruttiva ba-

sandoci sul comportamento della squadra in campo. Perciò per ora McKendry ha ragione, fino a quando i risultati non diano diversamente. Per fortuna che ormai siamo arrivati alla resa dei conti e sabato sera si metteranno da parte le chiacchiere e le speculazioni e si passerà ai fatti. Qualunque siano gli eventuali punti deboli delle due formazioni, è sicuro che le due squadre daranno vita ad uno spettacolo avvincente a tecnica eccellente. Consigliamo a tutti di non perdersi e di non farlo perdere ai propri amici. Si ricorda che i cancelli dello stadio apriranno alle ore 18 per la partita fra le formazioni giovanili della Juventus e dell'English. Le altre partite della prima giornata sono tutte i pro-

gramma alla domenica pomeriggio (nuovo orario d'inizio è alle 2.30). Il Footscray potrebbe fare il secondo turno (e forse Campbell) per l'incontro casalingo contro il Prston che non presenta eccessive novità. Il South Melbourne Hellas affronta il George Cross e, nonostante alcuni infortuni e i primi disorienti della stagione, la squadra greca dovrebbe essere troppo forte per gli ospiti mallei. Sydney City e Sydney Olympic se la daranno di santa ragione e gli ospiti dovrebbero farcela con una certa facilità. Il Croatia di Sydney ha una immediata opportunità di rivincita contro il Croatia di Melbourne che domenica scorsa gli ha soffiato la Ansett Challenge Cup, ma noi pensiamo che il risultato favorirà l'English. La squadra di più la squadra di Melbourne specialmente se riuscirà a mettere in campo i suoi nuovi acquisti dal Regno Unito, Ian Wallace e Willie Herd. I campioni in carica della Juventus di Adelaide ospiteranno l'Heidelberg che John Margaritis ha rilevato la settimana scorsa in seguito alle dimissioni di McLaren. La squadra di Matic sicuramente aspetterà a pie' fermo e non si farà tanto impressione dai credenziali dell'allenatore avversario. Ma con Margaritis non si sa mai... potrebbe sempre inventarne una delle sue. Nella Lega Statale del Victoria Fawcett e Thomastown si trovano a ridosso delle tre capoliste (a una sola lunghezza di distanza) e per ora hanno ancora intatte le loro ambizioni di fare un pen-sierino a qualcosa di sostanzioso.



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time," he said. "I thought at this time Queensland were going with 12 men out there." Savenaca's major grievance was a penalised in the 18th minute for Fijian Savenaca Waqa's tackle on forward Kieran Cooper. "The referee was chasing a deflection on goal-line at the edge of the box and he was brought down by Waqa," defender Martin Kirsoopp made no complaint with the penalty putting

The Spaniards, 2-0 up from the first leg, completed a 4-0 aggregate win in Bulgaria against *Nitcho Sofie* while *Chibrikov* and *Chibrikov* (0).

MILAN: Internazionale Milan 1 Gothenburg (Sweden) 1 (0-0 scorers: Inter – Stig Fredriksson (own goal, 58); Gothenburg – Gunnar Nilsson (70). Aggregate score 1-1. Gothenburg qualify away goals rule. Attendance: 35,000.)

BARCELONA: Barcelona 1 Dundee United (Scotland) 2 (1-0 scorers: Barcelona – Ramon Caldera (40). Dundee United –

Glennan 0; Ballymena 0 Larne 2; Carrick
line 0; Cliftonville 0 Linfield 2; Newry 0
n 4; Portadown 4; Duffry 1; Mullibar
Gainsborough 2; Caernarfon 2; Hornby 3
2; Macclisfield 2; Southport 1; Matlock 2
Morecambe 0; Marine 0; Mossley 1; South
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Rookie striker Mark Brusco had a dream debut for Pensland in its 3-1 win over at Perry Park last weekend.

"Single promised a different side for the return match."

"Defence will definitely be an area we will work on because we allowed three easy goals," he said.

"The Queensland side will bring their brains a lot more to what we did. We're going to tend to entertain the crowd a bit."

"We will be a very different side next game and we will score more goals."

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nsland ahead.
usasco had the second in the back
et within eight minutes, when he
nered home an Alan Niven cross

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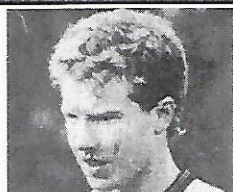
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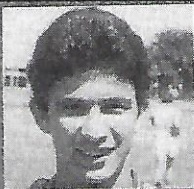


SCOTT OLLERENSHAW

ST GEORGE ¹ vs A.P.I.A. ³

Friday 8.00pm

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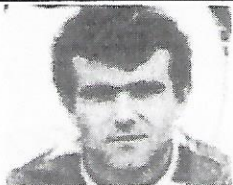


IAN RODRIGUES

SYDNEY CITY vs SYDNEY OLYMPIC ^{2/0}

Sunday 2.30pm

ST GEORGE STADIUM



JOSIP BISKIC

SYDNEY CROATIA ⁶ vs MELBOURNE CROATIA ¹

Sunday 2.30pm

BELMORE SPORTS GROUND



THEO SELEMIDIS

ADELAIDE CITY ⁴ vs HEIDELBERG UTD ¹

Sunday 2.30pm

HINDMARSH STADIUM